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Wilmington Library News:

Don't miss out on WML's Community Chalk Art with ZNT on June 7

Library Closure

Wilmington Memorial Library will be closed Friday, June 6 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for staff training. The library will be open at 1 p.m., until closing at 5 p.m.

Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, June 3, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, June 4, 2 p.m.
Thursday, June 5, 2 p.m.
Saturday, June 7, 2 p.m.

Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, June 2, 6 - 8 p.m.

These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in.

Slice and Dice — A Pizza and Table Top Game Night

Tuesday, June 3, 6 - 8 p.m.

Join Librarians Mary and Marie for Slice & Dice, our monthly pizza and table top game night for adults. Each month, we'll kick off with a featured game, followed by open play where you can explore our game library or bring your own favorites to share with the group!

Adult English Class (ESL)

Wednesday, June 4, 6 - 8 p.m.

The library is offering a free English Language Class for adult learners on Wednesday Nights in June.

Fiction Critique Group (Virtual)

Saturday, June 7, 9:15 a.m.

Love writing fiction? Whether you are drafting a short story or a novel, joining our Critique Group is a great opportunity to meet other writers and get constructive feedback.

▲ Join ZNT Arts for a Community Chalk Art event at the Wilmington Library on Saturday, June 7. Add to a chalk mural that represents the uniqueness of our greater community! (Courtesy photo)

Youth Programs

Book Store Next Door Readathon

Monday, June 2 - Saturday, June 7, All Day

Join Wilmington Memorial Library's first ever Readathon! Read all week long, log pledges on Beanstack (or on paper logs) to support the Book Store Next Door. All Ages.

Teen Book Boxes: Level Up at Your Library

Monday, June 2, All Day

Starting June 2nd, register to receive a June book box! Then on June 30, come to the library to pick up your box. This month's theme (and our Summer Reading theme) is Level Up at Your Library! Grades 6-12

Wilmington Community Playgroup

Monday, June 2, 10 a.m.

Join the Community Teamwork Family Resource Network for a community playgroup where they'll work on Early Literacy skills and much more! Ages 0-6, siblings welcome

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, June 3, 10 a.m.

Join us at Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement for children ages 3-6! Ages 3-6

Mindful Movement

Tuesday, June 3, 4 p.m.

Join library pals as we flow through children's yoga poses, mindful movements, and read some books to help us grow in mindfulness and peace. Grades K-2

Time for Twos

Wednesday, June 4, 10 a.m.

Time for Twos includes books, rhymes, music and movement for children aged 2! Age 2

Baby Time

Thursday, June 5, 10 a.m.

Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

LEGO Building

Friday, June 6, 3:45 p.m.

Build with LEGOs at the same time as other LEGO fans and display what you make in the library! Grades K-5

Community Chalk Art with ZNT Arts

Saturday, June 7, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Community Chalk Art invites community members of all ages to add to a chalk mural that represents the uniqueness of their greater community. Come enjoy some creative time outside on the front walkway of the library and in the Peggy Kane Reading garden. We'll also have an ice cream truck present! All Ages

BSND Readathon Fest

Saturday, June 7, 2 - 4 p.m.

Celebrate the end of our first ever Readathon on June 7th with snacks, book sales, music, and activities for all ages on the library's front lawn! All Ages

Additional Information

Notice Anything New in Our Children's Room?

As part of our Playful Pathways programming, we've added a ton of fun things to the play area, like a kitchen, pop-up food truck, market and more! These fun toys are part of our Food & Nutrition Unit and will only be here for a limited time, so stop by the library soon to check them out.

Check Out Our Library of Things This Summer

Did you know Wilmington Memorial Library circulates more than just books? Check out our Adult, Teen and Youth Library of Things for fun and useful items to use this summer. Items include: a pickleball set, disc gold, lawn games, volleyball and badminton, a tent and much more! See what's available at *https://wilmlibrary.org/lot/*.

Book Store Next Door

Regular hours are back at The Book Store Next Door! The bookstore is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list by visiting *www.wilmlibrary.org/services/mp*.

WML In-Person & Virtual Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs and is required for all virtual programs, as you will need to register in order to receive the Zoom link. You can register on our website at *www.wilmlibrary.org* or by calling (978) 658-2967.

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Committee hears about supt. search process

mented that it was difficult to be an internal candidate through this type of search and thanked Murray for her work and participation.

Brand next described that the district was also still searching for an assistant superintendent of administration and finance, middle school assistant principal and coordinator of behavioral health. He mentioned that they were reposting the administration and finance position to cast a wider net, and that this search was led by Director of Human Resources Andrea Stern-Armstrong.

For middle school principal, they identified a strong candidate but now had to seek a new applicant pool. Lastly, he said that Murray would lead the search for the new coordinator of behavioral health, the position she had just vacated.

Chair Jesse Fennelly also shared at this time that the committee met in executive session ahead of that night's meeting and approved a contract with Dr. David Thompson for interim superintendent. They voted to approve the contract.

Glen Koocher and Alicia Mallon of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees next presented about their offerings and expertise to assist in the district's search for a new permanent superintendent.

Koocher described the information provided to the committee including their decision tree and task description. He provided that they assist between 15 and 25 school districts in these searches annually either as advisors or as search consultants. He said that technical assistance has no fees attached, or they offer a full search service.

Mallon explained that their process involves creating a search brochure and a candidate profile which they post widely across the nation. She confirmed that they do participate in active recruiting, as well.

They also host and collect applications and work with the search committee and School Committee to develop interview questions based on the district profile and feedback from stakeholders, the search committee and the public. Koocher added that also have access to the state school boards' associations and lists of superintendent trainers.

David Ragsdale asked about the most advantageous timeline in terms of beginning the process for the widest candidate pool. Mallon answered that they were in the best timeframe currently for the search next school year. She suggested that 2-3 months would be the sweet spot, but they could truncate or elongate the timeline as desired.

Ragsdale wondered about their typical challenges. Koocher mentioned that generally a district's bond rating, budget, labor relations, and reputation could be challenges to attracting candidates, but he said that Wilmington was in a good place in all of these areas.

Mallon described that they've seen larger districts receive more than 20 candidates and smaller districts receive as few as eight candidates for the first round, and for Wilmington they would want as many as 20.

Stephen Turner asked about their process for summarizing background check information. Mallon shared that they start with the references in the application, and they can ask the finalists for additional references. Koocher also said that they provide references summaries.

They also described the process to create the search committee through an application, selecting individuals, and training the committee on open meeting law and developing questions. They would support the search committee from receiving applications through selecting semi-finalists.

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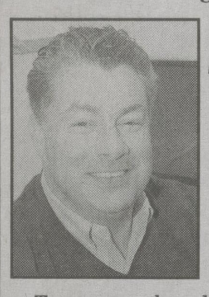
by Todd Brisbois



ADOPTIVE PARENTS: DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE ADOPTION TAX CREDIT

Taxpayers who adopted or started the adoption process in 2024 may qualify for the adoption credit. This credit can be applied to international, domestic, private and public foster care adoption. Here is some basic information to help people understand this credit and whether they can claim it when they are filing their taxes:

The maximum adoption credit taxpayers can claim on their 2024 tax return is $15,950 per eligible child. There are income limits that could affect the amount of the credit. Taxpayers should complete Form 8839, Qualified Adoption Expenses, to figure how much credit they can claim on their tax return.

An eligible child must be younger than 18. If the adopted person is older, they must be unable to physically take care of themselves. This credit is non-refundable. This means the amount of the credit is limited to the taxpayer's taxes due for 2025. Any credit left over from their owed 2023 taxes can be carried forward for up to five years. Qualified expenses include:

- Reasonable and necessary adoption fees.
- Court costs and legal fees.
- Adoption related travel expenses like meals and lodging.
- Other expenses directly related to the legal adoption of an eligible child.
- In some cases, a registered domestic partner may pay the adoption expenses.

Expenses may qualify even if the taxpayer pays them before an eligible child is identified. For example, some future adoptive parents pay for a home study at the beginning of the adoption process. These parents can claim the fees as qualified adoption expenses.

Taxpayers who adopt their spouse's child cannot claim this credit.

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▲ Scott Parrish and family meet with Senator Barry Finegold during Military Appreciation Day. (Courtesy photo)

Sen. Finegold honors Scott Parrish at Military Appreciation Day

BOSTON — State Senator Barry R Finegold proudly honored Scott Parrish of Andover at the first-ever Military Appreciation Day ceremony held in the Massachusetts State House's historic House Chamber.

Military Appreciation Day was created by the Healey-Driscoll Administration to establish a lasting annual tradition that brings together local, state, and community leaders to honor those whose service might otherwise go unrecognized.

Each legislator was invited to nominate a member of their local military community — whether a veteran, active-duty service member, National Guard, Reservist, or military spouse — to be honored during the ceremony.

More than 125 individuals who exemplify commitment to service and community were recognized from districts across Massachusetts.

"I'm proud to recognize Scott Parrish this Military Appreciation Day. His service and dedication reflect the best of our community and our country. Everybody in our community knows Scott and holds him in high regard," said Sen. Finegold. "We're grateful for his sacrifice and proud to honor him today."

Scott Parrish is a dedicated professional and U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served with distinction from 2001 to 2009.

A resident of Andover, Scott has leveraged the discipline and leadership skills gained during his military service to excel in the fields of real estate and facilities management.

Currently, he serves as Vice President of Real Estate and Facilities at Zwicker & Associates, P.C., where he oversees national operations, site selection, lease negotiation, and facilities management.

Lifestyle

Fight cancer, eat ice cream at 42nd Scooper Bowl

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

As the calendar's page turns to the month of June, we enter the official start of the hot summer season.

New Englander's know there is no sweeter way to beat the summer heat than with a creamy and delicious dish of ice cream.

For those looking for a cool way to kick off the summer season while also supporting an important cause, you won't regret a visit to the 42nd annual Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl event, located at Boston City Hall Plaza.

This three day event is the largest, all-you-can-eat, ice cream festival featuring more than 900 gallons of ice cream and frozen treats supplied by favorite local and national ice cream brands.

Ticket sales for this event support the Dana Farber Cancer Institute's mission to defy cancer.

The Jimmy Fund is the fundraising arm of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, which is located in Boston.

Founded in 1948, The Jimmy Fund is named after a 12-year old cancer patient who was referred to only as "Jimmy" to protect his privacy while being interviewed on a national radio broadcast.

During the interview, Jimmy expressed a desire to have a television by his hospital bedside so he could watch his beloved Boston Braves baseball team.

Thousands of listeners were moved by Jimmy's story, and donated money to fulfill Jimmy's wishes.

The donations far surpassed expectations, and were more than enough to provide Jimmy with his television and also start the non-profit fund that would bear his name.

The Jimmy Fund is now the official charity of the Boston Red Sox and The Massachusetts Chief Of Police Association, and is the beneficiary of many annual fundraising events such as the Pan-Mass Challenge and the Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl.

The first of three days of the Scooper Bowl event is Tuesday, June 3, 2025, offering unlimited samplings of ice cream along with live entertainment, music and family friendly games and activities from noon to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4, 2025, also offers the same family fun event from noon to 8 p.m, with the addition of a Sensory Friendly Hour from 11 a.m. to noon. This added hour will provide a music-free, lower crowd version of the Scooper Bowl event.

The final day of Scooper Bowl is Thursday, June 5, 2025, with plenty of ice cream and family friendly activities offered from noon to 5 p.m.

Starting at 5 p.m. on the final day, is the Scoop at Night event, considered the "closing ceremony" for the Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl fundraiser event.

Scoop at Night is a 21+ event that combines the fun of a "happy hour" with the pleasure of unlimited ice cream consumption.

◀▲ The Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl is New England's largest three-day, all you can eat ice cream festival. Proceeds benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. (Heather Burns photos)

Enjoy all you can eat ice cream, live entertainment, and games, and your ticket price will also include two drink tickets for beer and wine which will be provided by several different local vendors.

Although all ages are welcome to the Scooper Bowl part of this three-day event, please note that attendees for the Scoop at Night event must be 21 years or older and ID's will be checked at the entrance.

The Scooper Bowl can be enjoyed with a one-day, or three-day pass, and tickets to the Scoop at Night event can be purchased separately from the Scooper Bowl tickets.

Tickets are available at the door, or you can skip the wait in line by purchasing tickets in advance online at *www.danafarber.jimmyfund.org*.

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Massachusetts establishes alternative tests for educator licensure to strengthen K-12 workforce

METHUEN — The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education voted unanimously last week to establish alternative assessments to the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL), creating a broader range of pathways for aspiring teachers that will ultimately strengthen and diversify the state's educator workforce.

"Massachusetts leads the nation in education, and we're proud to have the best teachers in the country," said Governor Maura Healey. "These additional licensure assessments will open doors for aspiring educators, remove unnecessary barriers, and help us build a stronger, more inclusive educator workforce."

"These new regulations give candidates more ways to demonstrate their content knowledge while still upholding high standards," said Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll. "By approving alternative assessments to licensure, we're supporting talented individuals who have the passion and skills to lead in the classroom but may not have performed well on the MTEL."

The Board's action this week makes MTEL alternatives permanent. Since 2020, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has used a pilot program to offer 26 alternative assessments for educator licensure. The assessments were intended to expand access to the teaching profession, allowing prospective teachers to demonstrate competencies in different ways while maintaining high standards for subject matter knowledge, communications and literacy skills.

The Department contracted with the National Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research (CALDER) at the American Institutes for Research to conduct a multiyear evaluation of the MTEL alternative assessment pilots. According to their recent evaluation, overall, candidates who took the alternatives are performing similarly to teachers who passed traditional MTELs and are more diverse than those who took traditional MTELs.

"In Massachusetts, our diversity is our strength. Research shows us students perform better when they have teachers who look like them and understand where they come from," said Education Secretary Patrick A. Tutwiler. "The Board's action this week represents an important step toward ensuring every classroom has excellent, diverse educators while also improving student outcomes."

The Board had sent regulations proposed by the Healey-Driscoll Administration out for public comment in February, for which DESE received more than 90 comments from students, families, educators and advocacy groups. In response to public comments, the final regulations incorporate an expanded list of prerequisite license options for the new Media Arts Endorsement. This now includes Radio and Television Broadcasting, Engineering Technology, Drafting, Information Support Services and Networking, Programming and Web Development, and Painting and Design Technology.

In addition to adding a new Media Arts Endorsement, the final regulations include new flexibilities for obtaining professional licensure, and the ability to apply the Bilingual Educator Endorsement toward the Sheltered English Immersion Endorsement requirement.

For more information about alternative assessments, visit DESE's website: Pilot of Alternative Assessments to the MTEL — Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL).

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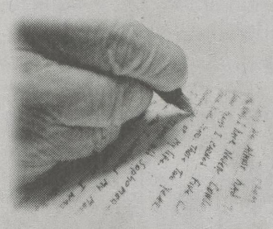


Letters to the editor

Cota Funeral Home shares thanks for 30 years in North Reading location

To the editor,

30 years ago this month, Cota Family Funeral Home that has been serving the Commonwealth of Massachusetts since 1932, decided to take a chance in opening our second location in North Reading on the corner of Park Street and Rte. 28.

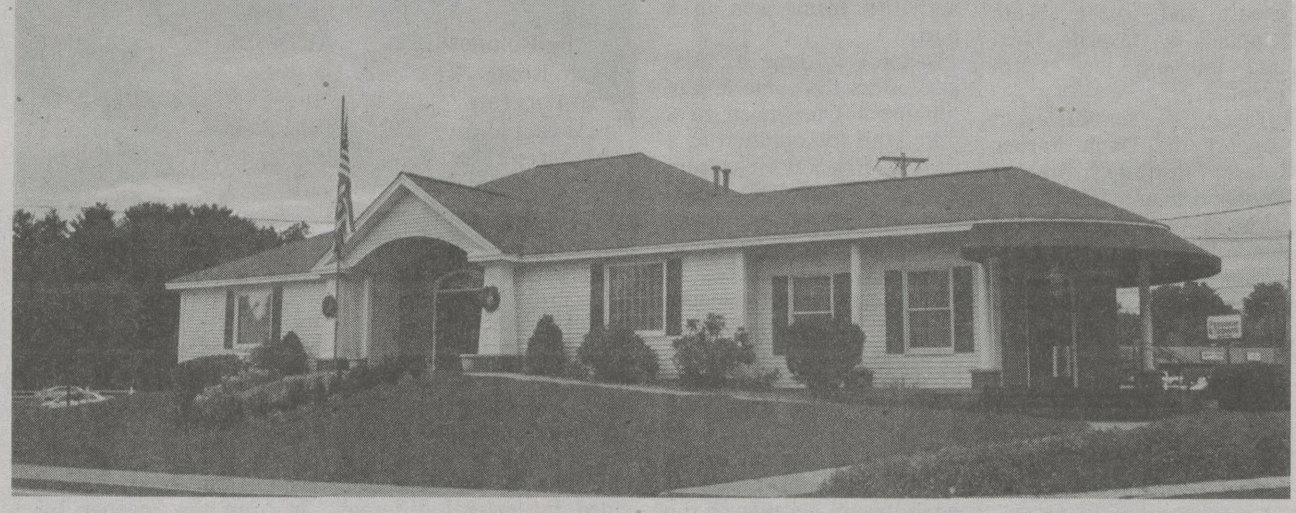
For the past 30 years it has been our pleasure to care for families in the surrounding areas in their time of need and have valued their trust in us. Cota Family Funeral Home has been family owned and operated since 1932 with Anthony F. Cota founder, Anthony R. Cota Sr., Anthony R. Cota Jr. and now under the direction and ownership of Philip J. Cota.

The Cota family and staff wish to thank everyone for 30 years of trust and loyalty to our family and appreciate each and every family we have had the pleasure of meeting.

We look forward to many more years in North Reading with all of your support. Thank you all again from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely and respectfully,
Philip J. Cota and staff at Cota Family Funeral Home

◀ Staff (from back left) include Sloan Coulter (office manager), David M. Sullivan (Type 6 Funeral Director), Meaghan R. Baker (Type 6 Funeral Director/Manager), and (seated) Philip J. Cota (Type 3 Funeral Director/Funeral home owner).



▼ Pictured is the location in North Reading.

(Courtesy photos)

Lions Club looking for new members

Dear editor:

The Lions Club was founded in 1917 by a group of businessmen from Chicago. In 1925, the Lions were challenged by Helen Keller to become Knights of the Blind. The Lions Club took up this challenge and to this day, the Lions continue to honor this challenge by collecting and distributing tens of thousands of pairs of used eyeglasses to all corners of the globe to those who normally would have no access to eyeglasses. The Lions goal/mission is to eradicate world blindness.

The Lions Club is the largest volunteer organization in the world operating in over 200 countries. The Tewksbury Lions club was formed in 1954. As a 100% volunteer organization, no members receive any pay for their efforts. We are a 501 C3 registered non-profit organization, meaning that all donations to the Lions Club are 100% tax deductible.

We typically run five or six fundraisers a year and donate to a variety of local and national organizations as well as relief efforts (such as to North Carolina due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene in 2024).

In total, the Tewksbury Lions Club made over $18,000 in donations to various organizations and/or relief efforts in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Beneficiaries included the Tewksbury Food Pantry, Tewksbury Senior Scholarships, cancer research, Toys for Tots, Tewksbury Public Library, Perkins & Carroll Centers for the Blind, Lions Club Eye Research, Lions Club International Disaster Fund and holiday meals to senior citizens.

Additionally, the Tewksbury Lions Club alone collected over 1,000 pairs of used eyeglasses to be sent to various countries in need.

The more Lions members we have, the more funds we can raise, thereby increasing the positive impact we have on those in need within our local, national and international communities. We want to make people aware of what we are doing in the hopes that they will see if they would like to join us.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month (except July and August) and we welcome anyone who would like to help and make a difference. We would love for you to join us at T.J. Callahan's at 7 p.m.

Hope to see you in September!

Sincerely yours,
John Deputat
President

(The Lions Club is the largest volunteer organization in the world, dedicated to eradicating blindness and supporting vision-related causes worldwide.)

Mass. Dept. of Correction lowers minimum age to become correction officer

MILFORD — The Massachusetts Department of Correction is proud to announce a change in its hiring policy, lowering the minimum age requirement to become a Correction Officer from 21 to 19. The adjustment is part of a broader effort to expand recruitment, attract younger candidates, and establish a new pathway for individuals interested in a career in public service.

The newly established minimum appointment age was implemented to attract motivated candidates who are eager to serve their communities. By expanding the candidate pool, the Department is creating new opportunities for young adults to serve their communities and explore long-term careers in corrections.

"Reducing the minimum age to become a Correction Officer will allow us to recruit more dedicated, highly skilled workers to these important roles," said Governor Maura Healey. "This change will help us build the next generation of corrections professionals to deliver on our goals of protecting public safety and supporting rehabilitation."

"The change in the minimum appointment age allows the DOC to address staffing needs while also cultivating a future workforce dedicated to upholding our core values," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "I encourage anyone who is eligible and interested in making a positive impact on public safety to consider pursuing this rewarding opportunity."

"Expanding the candidate pool enhances our ability to inform individuals about the rewarding career opportunities available at the Massachusetts Department of Correction," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. "It is essential that we adapt and find innovative ways to recruit more professionals into our public safety system."

"The implementation of this age of appointment gives the DOC the flexibility to bring in more qualified applicants while providing them with early access to a fulfilling career in corrections," said DOC Commissioner Shawn Jenkins. "The Massachusetts Department of Correction appreciates working collaboratively with Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union and their support as we work together to increase our professional workforce."

Program participants will receive training at the DOC's Recruit Academy, exposure to correctional facility operations, and mentorship from experienced professionals. This initiative's goal is to create a steady pipeline of qualified and committed individuals ready to carry out the DOC's vital mission and uphold the highest standards of service.

Eligibly Requirements for the Correction Officer Position:

High school diploma, an equivalency certificate or served at least three years in the Armed Forces of the United States

Correction Officers hired under the age of 21 will not be assigned to posts or duties that require a firearm; however, any individual hired for the position must maintain eligibility to obtain a license to carry a firearm

All applicants will undergo a comprehensive screening process and enter a 12-week Recruit Academy upon acceptance

The DOC is actively recruiting motivated individuals to join its dedicated team. The DOC offers competitive salaries, comprehensive benefits, ongoing professional development, and the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Individuals interested in pursuing a rewarding career in corrections are encouraged to call 1-866-WRK-4DOC, email *DOC-Recrutiment@mass.gov*, or visit the Department's website for more information on career opportunities and upcoming academy classes.

About the Massachusetts Department of Correction

The Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) manages the custody, care, and rehabilitation of approximately 6,000 individuals across 13 state facilities. The DOC emphasizes evidence-based programming, trauma-informed care, and educational and vocational training to reduce recidivism and is committed to fostering accountability, personal growth, and successful reentry.

Through partnerships with community organizations and stakeholders, the DOC delivers innovative services tailored to the diverse needs of incarcerated individuals while advancing equity, inclusion, and long-term public safety.

Students named to Dean's List at Lasell University

NEWTON — The spring 2025 Dean's List includes students who have completed at least 12 credits as a full-time student in that semester and have achieved a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

- **Davidson Souza of Wilmington**
- **Lindsay Scalese of Wilmington**
- **Emma-Rose Toomey of Wilmington**
- **Jeremy Perez of Tewksbury**
- **Jack Salvaggio of Tewksbury**

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Book Stew Review

'Three Days in June' by Anne Tyler

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

Ah, Anne Tyler, a practical romantic before romantasy even existed. She's been writing mostly about the good white suburban people of Baltimore since 1964 and has specialized in angry women and kooky men for most of her career, with brilliantly incisive results.

Tyler is in her mid-80s now and this novel is more relaxed, in slo-mo style, and is, as usual, a warm joy.

Gail Baines and her ex-husband Max are united for the weekend of their daughter Debbie's wedding, and there are some unsettling incidents: a homeless cat, a possibly adulterous fiancé and a job loss.

Tyler does a fine job of wrapping up the package into a neat bundle, without shocks or twists, and does a heart good, as

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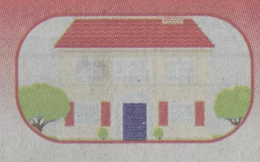

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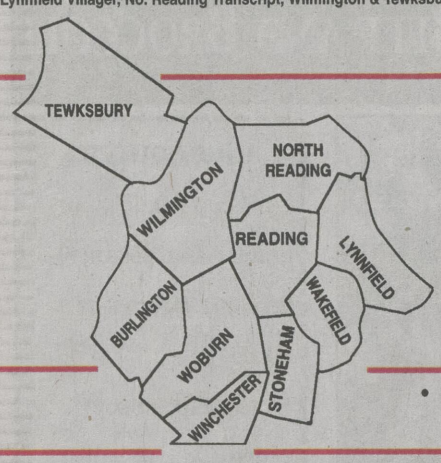

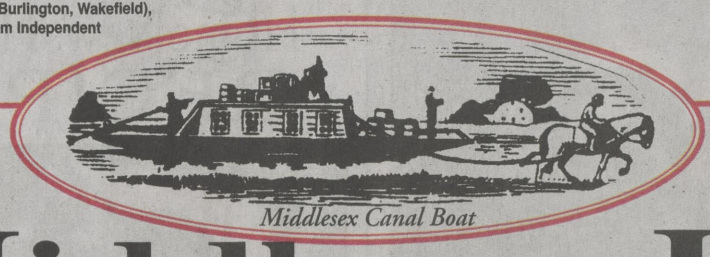

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Jimmy Fund Walk: Team Bridget's Buddies keeps walking

BRIDGET SWEENEY

By RYAN LAROCHE

Medulloblastoma is a malignant brain tumor, most commonly found in children, that originates in the cerebellum. It's the most common malignant brain tumor in childhood, accounting for about 20 percent of all childhood brain tumors. Symptoms often include headaches, nausea, vomiting, balance problems, and vision changes. Treatment typically involves surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

Woburn resident Cheryl Sweeney registered for the Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai in 2010 after her daughter Bridget was diagnosed with Medulloblastoma and started receiving treatment at Dana Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund Clinic.

Bridget was honored as a Jimmy Fund Walk Hero and posed for a mile marker poster during the 2010 walk. This started Sweeney's long-lasting commitment to the Walk, which she has continued even after Bridget's passing.

In Bridget's memory, Sweeney created Team Briget's Buddies, a team comprised of friends and family who honor Bridget every year. As team captain for the past 19 years, Sweeney has fostered a loving environment before, during and after Walk Day, designing matching t-shirts, and having bingo nights and trivia fundraising events to help raise funds for all forms of cancer. The most important thing for Sweeney is that this is a way to keep Bridget's spirit alive.

"Bridget lived in Woburn her entire life and the overwhelming support she received from our community is something that I will never forget. It left an everlasting mark in our hearts," Sweeney said. "Participating in this Walk means that we can honor Bridget and help work towards a cancer free world in some way. Walk, donate, put up a yard sign. Every small thing matters!"

Sweeney said her daughter received her diagnosis "just a few weeks shy of her seventh birthday and (as she was) excited to start second grade at the Wyman School." The family had no idea and only found out when they went to Children's Hospital in Boston for a "routine" MRI because Bridget's "lazy eye" wasn't responding to patching.

"It turned out to be completely unrelated and we felt lucky that we had found it before it started to cause problems," Sweeney noted.

Before her diagnosis, Sweeney said she

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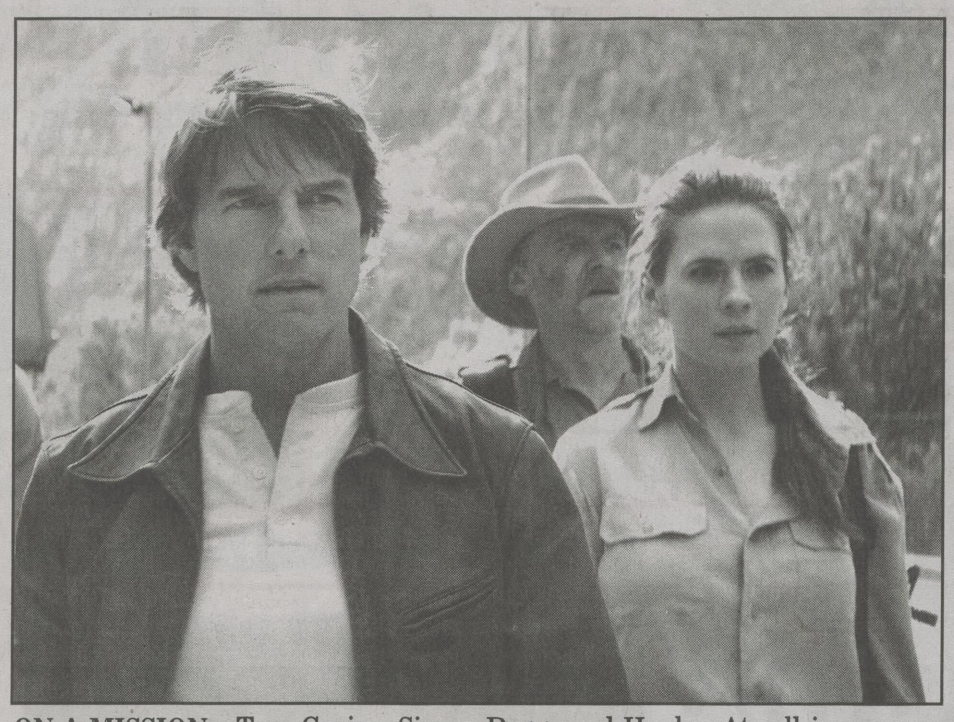


ON A MISSION - Tom Cruise, Simon Pegg, and Hayley Atwell in a scene from the action film "Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning."
(Paramount Pictures via AP)

Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Tom Cruise goes for broke in 'Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning'

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

Tom Cruise's Ethan Hunt is getting a bit of a god complex. It's not exactly his fault after defying death and completing impossible missions time and time again. But in "Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning," out Friday, there's a breathlessness to the naive trust from his growing band of disciples, including the U.S. president (the formerly skeptical Erika Sloane of "Fallout," played by Angela Bassett), and Paris (Pom Klementieff), the once delightfully fun maniac assassin who has been reduced to brooding French philosopher. In a series that has often been best when it's not taking itself too seriously, these dour developments start to feel a little unintentionally silly. And, for at least the first hour, it's all we have to hang onto.

Perhaps this is part of the point in pitting a human man against a parasitic artificial intelligence set on inciting nuclear extinction, something we're meant to believe has been brewing in some way since the beginning of the franchise. You can almost see the behind-the-scenes wheels turning: Gravity is kind of a prerequisite when this much is on the line, and when so much pain has been taken to link 30 years and seven movies that were certainly never meant to be connected by anything other than Ethan Hunt.

But we don't come to "Mission: Impossible" movies for the bigger picture, and definitely not to learn what the rabbit's foot was in the third movie. We come to be awed by the thrills and Cruise's execution, whether he's speeding through Paris on a motorbike, driving one-handed through Rome in a tiny old Fiat, or hanging on the outside of an airbus, or bullet train, or helicopter, or the Burj Khalifa.

And unlike, say, the "Fast & Furious" movies, which long ago jumped the shark, the "Mission" stunts have always felt grounded in some reality and playfulness. It's not just Cruise's willingness to tether himself to all forms of high-speed transportation for our enjoyment. His reactions — surprise, panic, doubt — are unparalleled. Ethan Hunt is never too cool to look unsure.

"Final Reckoning," Christopher McQuarrie's fourth "Mission" movie in the director's chair, does deliver two truly unforgettable sequences. One is in a long-defunct submarine at the bottom of the sea that will have you squirming; another involves two classic biplanes careening at 170 miles per hour (274 kilometers per hour) over lush South African landscapes. Though they may induce vertigo on IMAX, these are the things that make the trip to the theater worth it. But be warned: It takes a good long while of labored exposition, manic flashbacks and Oscar broadcast-ready greatest-hits montages to get there.

McQuarrie, who co-wrote the script with Erik Jendresen, might have learned the wrong lessons from the past decade of overly interconnected franchise filmmaking. Or perhaps it still seemed like the right call when this two-part finale was put into motion seven years ago. Not only does realizing one previously enjoyable character is related to and motivated by a character from the past do little to raise the stakes, it also bogs everything down.

"Final Reckoning" also overstuffs the cast with faces that are almost distracting (like Hannah Waddingham as a U.S. Navy officer, though her American accent is quite good). Maybe it's overcompensating for the movie's flesh-and-bone villain Gabriel (Esai Morales), who seems to be there because Ethan needs someone to chase.

"Mission: Impossible: The Final Reckoning," a Paramount Pictures release in theaters Friday, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association for "bloody images, action, brief language, and sequences of strong violence." Two and a half stars out of four.

More movie reviews at homenewshere.com.

HomeNewsHere RECIPE

Sheet-Pan Sesame Beef and Broccoli

TAKE-OUT AT HOME - Add some Asian sauces and garlic to this one-pan dinner dinner and you won't have to order out.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/4 cup Annie's™ organic Asian sesame dressing (from 8-oz bottle)
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 4 cups fresh broccoli florets (about 1/2 lb)
- 1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 lb boneless beef sirloin steak, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 teaspoons sesame seed
- Cooked white rice, if desired
- Green onions, sliced on the bias, if desired

STEPS

1. Heat oven to 450°F. Spray 15x10x1-inch rimmed sheet pan with cooking spray.
2. In large bowl, mix dressing and 1 teaspoon of the soy sauce; add broccoli, and toss to coat. Pour broccoli mixture onto pan; spread in single layer. In same bowl, mix brown sugar, salt and remaining 2 teaspoons soy sauce. Add beef to mixture; turn to coat. Add beef to pan with broccoli. Roast 10 to 14 minutes or until beef is cooked to desired doneness (145°F for medium-rare) and broccoli is fork-tender. Sprinkle with sesame seed.
3. Serve with rice and green onions.

EXPERT TIPS

- Like a little heat? Serve with Sriracha or chile garlic sauce.
- Save time by purchasing precut 2-inch pieces of sirloin kabob meat and precut broccoli florets.

• WALK FROM B1

was not familiar with the Jimmy Fund Walk. However, during Bridget's first year in treatment at the Jimmy Fund, Sweeney said they asked her daughter to be a mile marker for the Walk.

Bridget's second grade teacher formed Team Bridget's Buddies that year and a group of teachers and students from the school walked.

"We had planned to participate in the Family Walk but ended up being in-patient for that weekend due to chemo complications," Sweeney said, adding how she and Bridget still watched the family walkers from the window of their hospital room.

"I told her that the next year she would be done with treatment and I would walk the full 26 miles. She said, 'Yeah right' and rolled her eyes! But I took over as team captain the next year and walked the full route," Sweeney acknowledged.

Since then, Sweeney has walked every year, and usually the full marathon route. She said her team has had "so many walkers over the years," but pointed to a core group consisting of her family and childhood friends who fundraise, walk and support the team every year.

She mentioned how the number of walkers can vary, with some years as many as 30 people participate while one year it was only Sweeney and one other friend. She said her other daughter, Kate, has walked the full route every year.

"She is now a nurse (in the same hospital wing where Bridget received treatment) and I am so proud of her," Sweeney remarked.

When asked if Kate became a nurse because of her sister's diagnosis, Sweeney said, "Kate does not acknowledge that her experiences with her sister were her inspiration to become a nurse, but it has to play a part of it."

She went on to note, "A childhood cancer diagnosis effects the entire family, and Kate spent a good part of the five years of that journey in hospital rooms and clinics, with visiting nurses at the house and medical equipment taking up space in their shared bedroom.

"She ended up on a pediatric neuro oncology floor; that's not a coincidence. She does not like to talk about those times, neither do my two sons, but their childhoods were all shaped by those years and the loss of their sister."

Sweeney talked about how most of her team walks the half-marathon, with people rotating to keep Sweeney company on the full route.

"My friend Dottie walked with me for many years until her knees gave out," Sweeney mentioned. "Her daughter Sarah was Bridget's friend and now Sarah walks with me most years."

As a resident of Woburn, Sweeney owes a debt of gratitude to the community for all their support over the years: from meals to gift cards to day-to-day help with school pick up and rides to soccer practice and skating lessons for her other three kids.

"The community still supports my Walk every year. Most years I reach Pace Setter level, and that support comes from the Woburn community," she said.

No matter now many years pass, Sweeney will never forget that first Walk 20 years ago. She said she still has her daughter's hero poster.

"Each and every one of these kids is a hero, they keep moving ahead through horrible days and months of treatment usually with a smile. They live their best life - even a life cut way too short. They find a way to smile and make us smile with them," Sweeney said.

"For as many years as she was able, Bridget waited at the finish line for all of 'her' team to finish. Seeing that smile made every mile and step worth it," Sweeney added.

It hasn't always been easy, or perhaps it never was, but Sweeney said the first year after her daughter passed she almost didn't walk.

"I could not imagine crossing that finish line without her," Sweeney admitted. "But my team rallied around and made me realize that the fight is not over.

"So we still walk. We walk for a cure, we walk for treatments that don't cause lifelong disabilities, we walk to honor all the heroes who lived their best lives. And as we walk that day we remember Bridget, we tell stories, we laugh and we cry and we remember her strength and her courage and all she meant to all of us."

Sweeney recalls her first time walking the full marathon route, saying she "trained so hard" and had about 10 people walking with her. She called it "surprisingly enjoyable."

"I had such a huge feeling of accomplishment at the end," she noted. "Training and taking the time to train had been a huge boost to my mental health throughout some of the hardest months of Bridget's treatment."

She said how walking around Horn Pond with her friends or alone gave her a chance to vent or cry or catch her breath. This will be her 19th Walk and her 16th doing the full route. Unfortunately, last year, Sweeney suffered a broken foot and was limited to the 5K.

"I'm not quite 100 percent yet but I'm back to training hard," she remarked.

Even though medulloblastoma can be fatal, according to the Cleveland Clinic the five-year survival rate is over 80 percent. This means that over 80 percent of all people diagnosed with medulloblastoma are still alive five years later.

However, Sweeney said, to her knowledge there has not been any major development in the treatment of medulloblastoma.

"When Bridget relapsed, we attempted a new and somewhat experimental protocol that involved an autologous stem cell transplant. It was not successful for us or any of the families I knew at the time," she said. "I haven't heard of any other breakthroughs. I know the research continues, and in a small way Bridget's Buddies are helping to support it."

To support Bridget's Buddies, Sweeney invites people to join them and walk. She said they welcome new members for all routes. Visit https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/TR?fr_id=2380&pg=team&team_id=31734 to donate or join Team Bridget's Buddies.

The 2025 Jimmy Fund Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 5, and raises funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Whether participating for themselves, loved ones, neighbors, or coworkers, each walker shares a common purpose: to join together against cancer and support breakthroughs that will benefit cancer patients around the world.

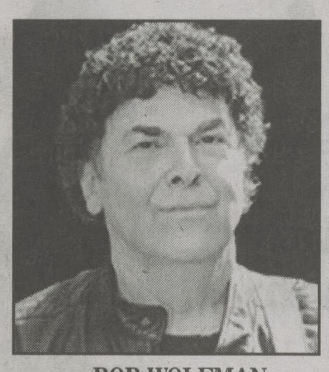
Participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options: 5K walk (from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute); 10K walk (from Newton); half-marathon walk (from Wellesley); marathon walk (from Hopkinton). Walkers can participate virtually, as well.

The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than $185 million for Dana-Farber Cancer in its 36-year history. Funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the Institute. To register for the Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255.

Jeff Beck with 'Through the Decades' Tribute...

Arlington's Regent Theatre to host Boston guitar legend Bob Wolfman

ARLINGTON – Boston's own guitar virtuoso, Bob Wolfman, and his acclaimed Bob Wolfman Band, are set to deliver a spectacular tribute to the late, legendary Jeff Beck with "Through the Decades" at The Regent Theatre in Arlington, MA. On Friday, May 30, 2025 at 8:00 pm.



BOB WOLFMAN

Praised by the Boston Globe as "simply one of the best guitarists in the U.S. today," Bob Wolfman has captivated audiences across New England since the 1990s with his electrifying guitar solos and soulful vocals. This special concert will pay homage to Jeff Beck, an icon whose innovative and influential career spanned genres from blues and rock to jazz fusion, electronica, and beyond. "Jeff Beck's impact on music is immeasurable," says Wolfman. "His ability to transcended genres and pushed the boundaries of guitar playing has been a lifelong inspiration to me. I'm honored to celebrate his legacy with this performance."

"Through the Decades" will feature a carefully curated selection of Beck's most iconic tracks, spanning his groundbreaking early albums to his final recordings. Wolfman, backed by his talented bandmates, promises to deliver a performance that captures the essence of Beck's unparalleled technical virtuosity and musical innovation. Wolfman's reputation as a world-class guitarist is further solidified by endorsements from entertainment luminaries:

"A force to be reckoned with, Wolfman has blistering technique and plays with intensity and refinement that speaks to his deep musicality." – Joyce Kulhawik (Arts and Entertainment Critic)

The historic Regent Theatre in Arlington, MA is located on 7 Medford Street in Arlington, Massachusetts.

This all-ages show is a must-see for fans of Jeff Beck, classic rock, blues, and jazz fusion. For tickets and more information visit https://regenttheatre.com or call 781-646-4849.

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18 Druid Hill Ave was sold to Bmjr Realty LLC by Fowler R Christopher Est and Mullen, Amy for $682,000 on 05$08/25

17 Manor Ave was sold to Finn, Lauren and Finn, Ryan by Benton, Susan K and Benton, George D for $1,810,000 on 05/08/25

2 Mill Pond Ln was sold to Liang, Hengli and Yang, Yasheng by Cao, Mingyan and Shen, Yanan for $2,060,000 on 05/07/25

LYNNFIELD

35 Fairview Ave was sold to 55 Mansfield Road LLC by Hanley John F Est and Jewish Family & Children for $580,000 on 05/06/25

250 Walnut St was sold to Adkins, Michael and Adkins, Nicole M by Meyers, Jay A and Teague, Sara M for $1,125,000 on 05/09/25

NORTH READING

22 Brassie Way #22 was sold to Aiello, Roxanne by Walsh, Brian J and Walsh, Deborah A for $1,100,000 on 05/08/25

3 Eagle Dr was sold to Carnes, Jacob and Carnes, Madeline by Schaefer, Richard L and Schaefer, Karen A for $1,620,000 on 05/07/25

4 Greenbriar Dr #205 was sold to Xu, Yun by Wang, Di and Duan, Yunqing for $305,000 on 05/08/25

270 Main St #35 was sold to Natale, Jerry and Natale, Jillian by Plankey, Marie E for $318,000 on 05/09/25

11 Washington St was sold to Barrios, Carlos D by Pinheiro, L D for $820,000 on 05/05/25

READING

57 Augustus Ct #2003 was sold to Richal, Michael R and Richal, Cynthia J by Hurley, Kristen M for $515,000 on 05/05/25

420 Haverhill St was sold to Dnd Academy LLC by Weatherbee, Edward C and Weatherbee, Diane L for $910,000 on 05/05/25

40 Oak St was sold to Meliek, David and Meliek, Mackenzie by Young, Meghan A and Tafoya, Benedict J for $1,000,000 on 05/05/25

31 Summer Ave was sold to Brazil, William and Law, Bethany by Denault, Robert W and Denault, Patrice G for $729,900 on 05/09/25

605 Summer Ave #2-47 was sold to Chaparro, Daniela R by Smith, Kendra E and Smith, Kevin J for $430,000 on 05/05/25

STONEHAM

19 Dewitt Rd was sold to Aniello, Richard A and Aniello, Jane L by Nabavi, Ladan and Fatemi, Alan for $820,000 on 05/09/25

5 Woodland Rd was sold to Fairfield Spot Pond LLC by Fellsway Development LLC for $15,000,000 on 05/09/25

TEWKSBURY

64 10th St was sold to Rockwell, Kelsie O and Rockwell, Christopher P by Jean Oleary RET and Oleary, Maureen A for $630,000 on 05/09/25

40 Carl Donald Dr was sold to Burns, David and Burns, Amy by Torres, Diego X and Torres, Pamela E for $1,057,000 on 05/05/25

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820 Shawsheen St was sold to Karon, Nicholas J and Karon, Alyssa N by Wellman, Jayne for $675,000 on 05/09/25

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44 Converse St was sold to Schlack, Gene L and Howe, Whitney B by Phillips, Karen A and Phillips, Joseph A for $850,000 on 05/08/25

410 Salem St #1004 was sold to Campbell, Dorie by Don Q Re Development LLC and Saturn Realty Group LLC for $555,000 on 05/08/25

WILMINGTON

85 Aldrich Rd was sold to Silvia, Joshua J and Makowski, Elise R by Cashman, Christopher R and Cashman, Jacqueline B for $1,005,000 on 05/07/25

48 Brand Ave was sold to 48 Brand Ave LLC by Peterson, Arnold L for $360,000 on 05/05/25

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12 Prospect St was sold to Lindenbaum, Matthew and Glick, Ariel by Lyford, Lynn W for $3,199,000 on 05/08/25

22 Standish Ln was sold to Shaw, Olga and Shaw, James by Seaver Properties LLC for $2,850,000 on 05/07/25

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16 Goodwin Dr #40 was sold to Huang Jang Ft and Huang, Kuan-Chun by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $1,140,000 on 05/06/25

18 Goodwin Dr #39 was sold to Nikiforenko, Sergey by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $1,234,995 on 05/08/25

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40 Mt Pleasant St #2 was sold to Duback, Alexandria and Duback, Eric R by Mcsweeney Ft and Mcsweeney, C M for $585,000 on 05/07/25

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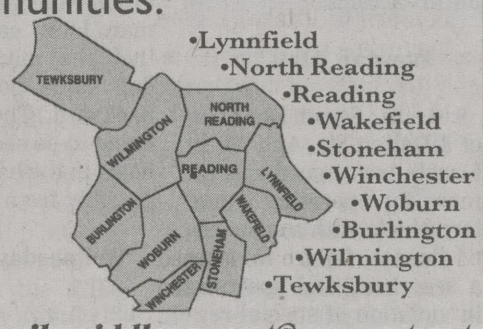

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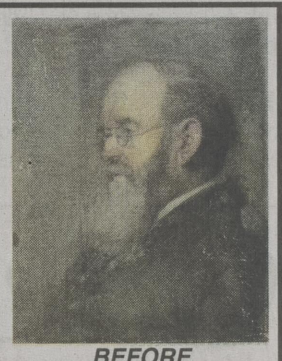
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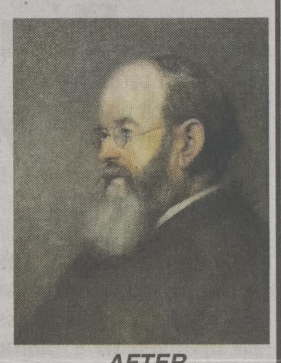
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New Hampshire man arrested for OUI

Monday, May 12

11:17 a.m. - Caller stated he got a phone call demanding $5,000 and then text messages of dead bodies and threats at East Street. Police sent. Officer spoke to party. They had attempted to scam them. Officer filed a report.

3:44 p.m. - Caller reported his seven-year old son was assaulted by an adult last week at Motel 6. Police and ambulance sent. Officer filed a report.

4:31 p.m. - A 911 caller stated old gray Honda Civic with an older man and woman hit her dog with a car at Merrimack Drive. Police sent and Animal Control notified. Officer filed a report.

Tuesday, May 13

1:19 a.m. - Police checked on running motor vehicle in the parking lot at Center Mobil. Police sent. Motor vehicle was running with no one around and has been shut off. All cleared.

1:21 a.m. - Call from the front desk for an unwanted female at Motel 6 who was yelling at guest from the woods. Police sent. They gave a courtesy transport.

8:32 a.m. - Caller reported there was a boat with an engine on the pond at Pond Street and they were not allowed. The police sent and advised would send a car by.

3:32 p.m. - Caller reported a male party on a motor cycle doing burn out in the street at Wolcott Street. Police sent. The area was checked, but the motor vehicle was gone on arrival.

6:47 p.m. - Caller reported a black RAV four swerving all over the roadway at East Street and Livingston Street. Caller reportedly took a right onto Livingston Street. Police sent and checked the length of North Street where the vehicle went down. Vehicle made it on Andover Street and possibly went toward Lowell. Police checked the area of Andover Street but the vehicle was gone on arrival.

Wednesday, May 14

1:41 p.m. - There was a trailer that was dropped off in front of Walmart an hour ago. Loss Prevention called the number on the trailer and was reported that it was stolen. They would be gathering video for the officers. Police sent. The representative of the business the trailer was registered sent someone to pick it up. They were unaware of it possibly being stolen and the trailer was not coming back as stolen.

2:48 p.m. - Caller reported the vehicle failed to stop for a school bus with flashing lights at Main Street and Pleasant Street. Vehicle took off toward Wilmington. Police sent. Officer checked the area and was unable to located to vehicle.

5:32 p.m. - Police out with male party behind the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store. Calling party reported there was a hispanic male that was driving a dirt bike in the area of the building near Ames Hill Drive. The male was hispanic wearing all black and the ran into the garage. Police sent and filed a report.

Thursday, May 15

12:08 a.m. - The caller's upstairs neighbor was banging on the floor so the caller requested to speak with an officer tonight at Ames Hill Drive. Police sent. They spoke to the caller who was advised to speak to management.

6:42 a.m. - A 911 caller, worker at Blaire House, reported a combative patient: He had taken the door of his closet and tried to hurt staff. No injuries, no weapons. He was currently isolated in his room where staff was attempting to prevent him from leaving. Police sent. They spoke to the patient and issued with him not taking his med. Patient had not taken them and was calmed down.

8:21 a.m. - Caller reported a crowd in front of the bank was being rowdy at Bright Bridge Credit Union. Police sent. They conformed it was three men and one woman. No crime had been committed. One of the managers was just scared because one of them asked her to roll down her window. They were just talking loudly. All units will be cleared.

2:26 p.m. - A 911 caller stated one-car motor vehicle accident hit a curb and on top of the railing at Lodge at Ames Pond. Police sent. Scott Cabana, 53, of 103 West Hollis Street in Nashua, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with second offense of OUI liquor and negligent operation of motor vehicle.

5:38 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious green vehicle in front of Astle Street because it was driving slowly and had something strapped to the top of it. Police sent and checked the area. Nothing was found.

6:38 p.m. - Caller reported she went into the Walmart and when she came out her car was gone. Caller did state she was behind on her payments but dispatch didn't get a fax for a rescission. Police sent. They spoke to the female and appeared the car was repossessed.

Friday, May 16

9:07 a.m. - Caller stated dark-colored Ford Bronco, wanted to know if they wanted any paving done at Marshall Street. Left toward Pleasant Street. Police sent. Officer checked the area and spoke to the caller.

1:47 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a possibly intoxicated driver at Oakdale Liquors. The vehicle parked in the their parking lot. The caller reported that the vehicle in question passed the double yellow lines. Police sent. Officer checked the lot, but unable to find vehicle.

3:53 p.m. - A 911 caller reported male party from previous call was calling Tewksbury Family Health looking to get in and was harassing the workers there. Police sent. Party got an Uber and was on his way.

Saturday, May 17

3:33 a.m. - The cake got a notification that someone was in her shop and was now on scene at Cooler Company Inc. There was a male party in a Ford Trans sitting in the back. Police sent and officer filed a report.

11:55 a.m. - Produce department employee yelled and pushed someone at Market Basket north. Argument between two females. No weapons. Police sent and officer filed a report.

2 p.m. - The caller let a friend borrow his car and now he would not give it back at Wicked Cheesy. His friend worked at Wicked Cheese. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

3:24 p.m. - A 911 caller worker at Blaire House reported there was a male party who was arguing and becoming combative with staff. No weapons, no injuries. Male was located in the sun room. Incident occurring on the nursing home side, dementia floor locked unit. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Sunday, May 18

2:31 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver at Whipple Road and Pleasant Street. Police sent to check the area, but they were gone on arrival.

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Woman confronted after youth soccer game

Friday, May 16:

10:07 a.m.: A gray 2015 Toyota Camry and a white 2024 Toyota Corolla Cross were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Shawsheen Avenue. Airbags were deployed and injuries were reported.

5:47 p.m.: A caller reported a black 2019 Chevy Traverse struck her black 2011 Nissan Rogue at the lights in front of the Dollar General on Main Street and continued on towards Tewksbury. The caller's car was found to be undamaged, and police were unable to locate the other car, but left a voicemail for the registered owner.

11:37 p.m.: A caller reported three juveniles throwing objects at passing vehicles near the Dunkin Donuts on Ballardvale Street; a cousin of the three juveniles arrived and left with them.

Saturday, May 17:

10:30 a.m.: A caller reported that his vehicle was damaged while parked at EJ's Fresh Pizza on Main Street. He also stated the vehicle parked next to his had similar scratches and may have been involved. The owner of the vehicle next to his arrived and was told of the situation.

2:59 p.m.: A caller on Middlesex Avenue reported she was confronted after a youth sports game, with a woman recording both the caller and the young players on video. The woman was gone by the time police arrived, and the caller opted to file a complaint with the soccer association.

5:36 p.m.: A caller on Lowell Street reported a white sedan, with three or four people inside, threw water balloons at them while they were walking. Police checked up to the town line but were unable to find the car in question.

Sunday, May 18:

12:56 a.m.: A black 2014 GMC Terrain was involved in a motor vehicle accident on Chestnut Street, damaging a mailbox and part of the lawn. However, the driver was able to leave the car without help, and declined medical attention.

12:23 p.m.: A caller reported a crypto scam.

Monday, May 19:

8:14 a.m.: A caller on Middlesex Avenue reported a road rage incident, with a man in a pickup truck with Texas plates following them to their location, taking their phone and throwing it. The man was at first issued a summons for assault & battery, but the caller declined to file charges.

3:50 p.m.: A gray 2018 Chevy Silverado and a gray 2013 Toyota Corolla were involved in a motor vehicle accident near the Starbucks on Main Street. No injuries were reported, and police helped with paperwork exchange.

5:01 p.m.: A soccer league board member at the Shawsheen School on Shawsheen Avenue reported two kids riding e-bikes across the soccer fields and using profanities. One of the juveniles had left by the time police arrived, but police spoke with the other about the possible consequences for his actions.

Tuesday, May 20:

9:04 a.m.: Sovath Dee Long of 8 Dalton St., Apt. #3, in Lowell, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, failure to wear a seat belt, and speeding in violation of special regulations. This followed a stop of her yellow 2005 Lexus RX330 on Aldrich Road.

10:24 a.m.: Jao Neto of 1180 Main St., in Tewksbury, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding in violation of special regulations. This followed a stop of his vehicle on Salem Street.

11:42 a.m.: A caller on Nassau Avenue reported that about 10 minutes beforehand, a white work van pulled into the driveway, and a man got out with a shovel and walked around the garage. A woman later called, saying that the man may have dug some holes in their backyard. The house was found to be secure, and the holes in the backyard were possibly from a surveyor.

Wednesday, May 21:

4:31 a.m.: A caller on Birchwood Road reported that his ex-girlfriend was parked outside of his house in a white Honda CR-V and was refusing to leave. Police took the woman to a house on Pleasant Road for her to stay for the day, and peace was restored.

Thursday, May 22:

2:04 a.m.: Eduardo Vieira Magalhaes of 7 Allenhurst Way, in Wilmington, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation. This followed a stop of his gray 2012 Toyota Camry on Woburn Street.

7:56 a.m.: A gray 2010 Volvo XC90 and a gray 2010 Honda CR-V were involved in a motor vehicle accident near the high school on Church Street. No airbags were deployed, and no injuries were reported.

9:43 a.m.: Lucimar Ramos Rodrigues of 123 Boylston St., Apt. #3, in Malden, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. This followed his involvement in a motor vehicle accident between a yellow 2024 Toyota Tacoma and a white 2004 Ford Econoline near the Registry of Motor Vehicles on Middlesex Avenue.

Mass. Elementary and Secondary Education Board updates competency determination

METHUEN — Members of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education today approved regulations that will help standardize what school districts must require for students to earn their Competency Determination, which was previously based on a qualifying MCAS score.

In alignment with new state law, the requirements outlined are tailored to cover what MCAS tests at the 10th grade level do and eventually to also cover the equivalent of a year-long course on U.S. history. Governor Maura Healey's Statewide K-12 Graduation Council is looking more broadly at what statewide expectations for graduation should be.

Massachusetts public school students are required to meet both a state standard, called the Competency Determination, and local graduation requirements in order to graduate from high school. Until this year, students generally earned their Competency Determination by earning a qualifying score on the high school MCAS exams in math, English language arts, and science, which they took by the end of 10th grade.

In November, voters approved a ballot question that prohibits MCAS from being used to earn a Competency Determination. As a result of the ballot question, students must earn their Competency Determination through coursework "in the areas measured by the MCAS high school tests... administered in 2023."

The state still administers MCAS tests in grades 3-8 and high school, but the high school tests are no longer tied to the Competency Determination.

Today's vote requires students starting with the graduating class of 2026 to earn their Competency Determination by satisfactorily completing coursework that is the equivalent of:

- two years of high school English language arts courses;
- one year of both Algebra I and Geometry courses or the equivalent of one year of both Integrated Math I and Integrated Math II courses; and
- one year of a biology; Physics, Chemistry; Technology or Engineering course.

Starting with the graduating class of 2027, a student will also need to satisfactorily complete coursework in the equivalent of a one-year U.S. history course.

"These are all important first steps in response to the outcome of November's ballot question, which impacted the Competency Determination, not everything a student should know for graduation," Education Secretary Patrick A. Tutwiler said. "As co-chair of the K-12 Graduation Council, I look forward to continuing a broader discussion about what we want for our high school graduates."

The K-12 Graduation Council is in the process of holding listening sessions in person and virtually, and the schedule is posted online.

Details about today's Board vote are available in the Board documents.

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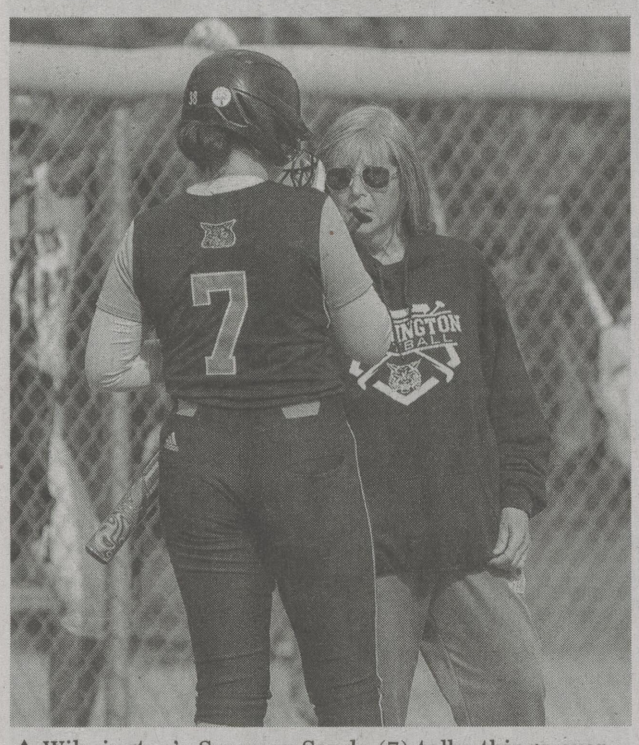

▲ Wilmington's Summer Sands (7) talks things over with head coach Audrey Cabral-Pini during a timeout in Sunday's softball game. Burlington won, 7-2.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

▲ Burlington's Ella Anderson, right, reaches second base before Wilmington's Ali McElligott can apply the tag during Sunday's softball game. Burlington earned a 7-2 victory.(Credit Image: James Thomas)

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While a five-game skid wasn't exactly the way the Wilmington High softball team hoped to close out its regular season, after Monday's 10-3 non-league loss to Lowell Catholic, Wilmington's record is essentially 0-0 as the postseason is set to begin later this week.

The MIAA Div. 3 state playoffs were set to be announced on Wednesday.

After a 7-2 loss to Burlington on May 18, the 'Cats suffered an 11-3 loss against Wakefield before back-to-back defeats against Masconomet Regional of the Cape Ann League. The Chieftains beat Wilmington in two close games by scores of 5-3 and 11-10.

Evelyn LaClair and Sara Keck split the pitching duties against Wakefield, each throwing three innings. The pair allowed only four earned runs as four errors by the Wildcats didn't help matters.

Wilmington actually led 1-0, but Wakefield scored five runs in the bottom of the first inning before adding three in the third and three more in the sixth.

The 'Cats scored once in each of the first three innings, but the Warriors eventually pulled away.

Ali McElligott led off the game by reaching first when she was hit by a pitch. She stole second and then went to third on a grounder by LaClair before scoring on another ground ball by Eva Boudreau.

In the second, Charlotte Forcina hit a one-out single and scored when Sofia Tentindo had a base hit. After a walk by Summer Sands and a sacrifice bunt by Kiersten Moore put Wildcats on second and third, a ground out ended the threat by WHS.

Wilmington's third inning produced another run and cut the gap to 5-3.

LaClair walked to lead off and went to third on an errant throw after a sacrifice by Boudreau. Keck then pounded a run-scoring, two-out triple to plate LaClair.

The 'Cats would have only one more baserunner on the day as Forcina drew a two-out walk in the sixth.

Kayla Shaw threw a complete game for Wakefield, striking out six, walking three and allowing four hits in the win.

WHS lost to Masco in the first of two games against the Chieftains on May 21 by a 5-3 score in nine innings.

The Wildcats led 2-0 after three innings and still led 2-1 heading into the sixth, but Masco rallied to take a 3-2 lead heading into the home half of the seventh. Wilmington tied the game in the seventh, but ultimately lost a tight ballgame.

Wilmington had two baserunners in the first and another in the second, but didn't score until the third. In that inning, Mc Elligott led off with a single and scored on a double by LaClair.

Olivia Raposa hit a one-out single to score LaClair and make it 2-0.

After going down 1-2-3 in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings, the Wildcats had a two-out rally in the seventh,

Moore and McElligott hit back-to-back singles before a fielding error on a grounder by LaClair scored Moore to tie the game.

In the bottom of the eighth, Wilmington almost won the game.

With two outs, Forcina and Tentindo hit singles before Masco chose to intentionally walk Sands to load the bases.

A fielder's choice grounder ended the threat.

Isabelle Maiella went all nine innings of the hill for Wilmington, striking out five and allowing only two earned runs.

In the rematch on Sunday, Wilmington was outslugged, 11-10.

The back-and-forth affair saw WHS take a 3-2 lead in the second inning and then push its advantage to 10-7 in the top of the fifth before Masco made a terrific comeback.

The Chieftains scored once in the bottom of the fifth and then three times in their last at-bat for an 11-10 walk-off win.

Keck and LaClair against shared the mound duties for Wilmington and the Wildcat offense ended up with 13 hits in all, three by LaClair and two each off the bats of Boudreau, McElligott, Keck and Tentindo.

In a three-run second inning, Forcina reached on an error with one out and Tentindo reached on a bunt single. Sands walked and Moore drove in Wilmington's first run with a bases-loaded walk.

McElligott then smacked a two-run single to give Wilmington the lead, 3-2.

Masco took a 7-3 lead before the Wildcats came storming back.

A five-run fourth inning started when Sands reached on an error and Moore singled.

McElligott hit an RBI double to make it 7-4 before LaClair pounded a two-run triple to cut the lead to one.

Boudreau then gave the Wildcats the lead with a two-run home run.

In the fifth, Wilmington scored two more runs.

Sands hit a leadoff single and scored when La Clair smacked a two-run home run to left field.

The loss to Lowell Catholic finished Wilmington's season with a 10-10 record.

The Wildcats scored all three of their runs in the fifth inning with Lowell Catholic leading by a 7-0 score.

Tentindo led off the inning with a double.

With two outs, Tentindo scored when Lowell Catholic made an error on a grounder by McElligott. After LaClair was hit by a pitch, Boudreau smacked an RBI double and Raposa followed with a run-scoring single.

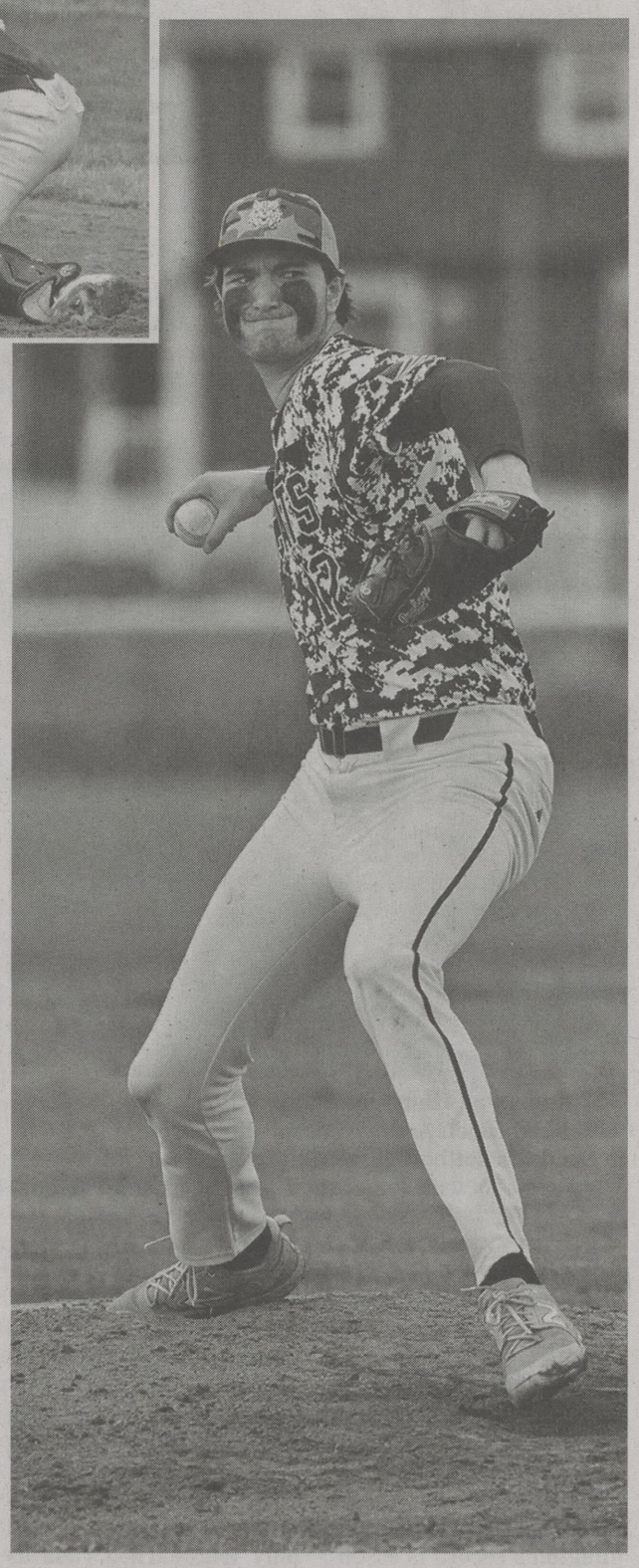
In the sixth, the Wildcats tried to rally again. With one out, Tentindo singled and Sands drew a walk, before a strikeout and a fly ball ended the inning.

◀ Wilmington's Eva Boudreau connects on a pitch during Sunday's softball game. Wilmington fell, 7-2.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

◀ Noah Titterington takes a swing against Bedford.

▼ Ayden Balter throws a pitch for the Wildcats.

(Joe Brown photos)



Wilmington baseball finishes on high note

Wildcats beat Mystic Valley for third win of the season

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If there was ever a team that needed a nice victory to close out its season, it might have been the 2025 Wilmington High baseball squad.

After a season that saw the Wildcats lose six one-run games and two two-run games, the Wilmington boys ended the campaign with a 2-1 victory over Mystic Valley High School in the consolation game of the Dick Scanlon Memorial Day tournament hosted by Wilmington.

Roman Synnott certainly gave the WHS coaching staff something to look forward to for next season, spinning a complete-game, two-hitter, striking out eight and walking only two.

Synnott escaped a two-out, two-on situation in the first inning when he induced ground ball.

In the third, an error and a hit batsman with one out could have been trouble, but Synnott got a fielder's choice grounder for out No. 2 and then picked off a Mystic runner to end the inning.

In the seventh, with the Wildcats up 2-0, Mystic had one last rally.

An error and a fielder's choice grounder had two men on with one out and a grounder moved both runners into scoring position.

An RBI single made it 2-1 and an intentional walk loaded the bases, but Synnott struck out the final batter to end the game and Wilmington's season on a high note.

Wilmington had several chances to score.

Theo Bryson doubled in the first inning and Brennan Walsh drew a leadoff walk in the second.

In the third, Julian Martins walked with one out and stole second before senior Ayden Balter finally broke the scoreless tie with an RBI double.

In the fourth, Wilmington scored again when Walsh hit a leadoff single and stole second before scoring when he stole third and raced home on an error by the catcher.

Wilmington almost added to its lead in the sixth when Walsh and Connor Lovell led off with singles, but the Mystic defense escaped the inning, setting up the exciting final frame.

In the first round of the tournament, Wilmington lost to Bedford by a 3-2 score.

Bedford led 3-0 heading into Wilmington's last at-bat.

Up until the seventh inning, WHS had just one hit.

In the seventh, Balter singled to lead off and Synnott walked.

A double play moved Balter to third before a Connor Lovell RBI single made it 3-1.

An error on a grounder by Ryan Gray moved runners to first and third before JR Haggerty smacked a double to score Lovell and move Gray to third.

A groundout ended the game.

Balter started on the mound for Wilmington, tossing six innings and striking out eight before Haggerty pitched the seventh. Balter chalked up his 200th career strikeout in the loss.

The 'Cats ended up 3-17 with victories over Arlington and Lexington this season.

Girls tennis finishes strong

Wildcats beat Stoneham and Wakefield to close out regular season

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The Wilmington High girls tennis team closed out the regular season with two victories to end up with a 12-5 record as the Wildcats prepare for the Div. 3 state tournament.

In a 5-0 win over Stoneham, Wilmington didn't drop a set.

In singles, Savannah Beatrice won by a 6-0, 6-1 score at the No. 1 spot while Alison D'Arco was a 6-1, 6-2 winner at second singles. At third singles, Jaslene Ryou won, 6-1, 6-0.

At No. 1 doubles, Cara DiGiovanni and Veronika Loshak won two close sets against the Spartans by a 6-3, 7-5 score. Jill Weinstein and Sahana Puvanendrakumar were 6-2, 6-2 winners at second doubles.

Wilmington also beat Wakefield by a 4-1 score.

The Wildcats lost seven total games in three singles matches.

Beatrice won 6-1, 6-0, D'Arco was a 6-2, 6-1 winner and Ryou cruised to a 6-3, 6-0 victory.

Shubhangi Tripathi and Puvanendrakumar secured Wilmington's fourth point at second doubles with a 6-0, 6-1 win.

Wakefield's lone win was at first doubles against DiGiovanni and Loshak.

▶ Alison D'Arco makes a shot during a recent match.

(Joe Brown photo)

Wildcat track teams compete at league meet

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The Wilmington High boys and girls track teams competed at the Middlesex League Meet at Burlington High School on Wednesday, May 21.

The Wildcat boys had several solid performances.

In the 400-meter run, Ashvin Baker was second in 50.79 seconds while Cam Jenks was 13th in the race in 54.82.

WHS had top-10 performances in all three relays.

The 4 x 800 relay of Jake Cronin, David Dynan, Spencer Bagtaz and Parker Canevari finished ninth in a time of 9:14.76, the 4 x 100 relay of Martin Philiossaint, Baker, Ayden Bellevy and Cam Periera was eighth in a time of 45.63 and the 4 x 400 relay of Jenks, Dean Ciampa, Chase Heffernan and Baker finished third in a time of 3:39.47 which was a season's best time and qualified the foursome for the state meet.

In the triple jump, Marvins Jean was fifth with a distance of 40 feet, 2.5 inches and Periera was ninth with a leap of 39-7.

In the 400-meter hurdles, Ben Harris was 24th in 1:07.81 and Dylan Grace was 26th in 1:09.22.

Gavin Dong was 17th in the mile in 4:45.47 and Matt Lawler ended up 26th in 5:21.49.

In the 110-meter hurdles, Periera was 13th in 17.14 seconds, qualifying him for the state meet, and David Dynan was 20th in the race in 19.45.

In the 100-meter dash, Philiossaint was 11th in 11.6 seconds and Tyler Alfred took 18th in 12 seconds.

Evan Cummings was 25th in the 800-meter run in 2:18.19 and Cooper Holleran placed 27th in 2:21.45.

The Wildcats had two top-20 finishers in the 200-meter dash with Alfred taking 14th in 24.47 seconds and Jack Cronin was 20 th in 25.53.

In the two mile, Ciampa was 19th in 10:14.19, qualifying for the state meet, and Cronin was 20th in 10:23.22.

In the shot put, Vasili Meimaris was 19th with a distance of 34 feet, 4 inches and Nate Murphy was 24th, throwing 29-8.25.

In the javelin, Ben O'Brien was 19th with a distance of 107 feet, 9 inches and Mark Holleran took 20th, throwing 107-4.

In the long jump, Jean was 16th with a distance of 19 feet, 1 inches and Jenks was 26th, leaping 18-1.25.

In the discus, Murphy was 22nd, throwing 82 feet, 7 inches, and Pierce Silveria was 23rd with a distance of 79-5.

Ben Harris and Shaban Nkuutu both competed in the high jump.

The girls had many solid performances.

In the 400-meter hurdles, Kaylin Mulik and Maeve White represented Wilmington with Mulik taking 20th in 1:18.88 and White placing 21st in 1:20.11.

In the mile, Tess Sullivan was 20th in 6:17.5 and Cayley Israelson was 22nd in 6:22.11.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Mulik placed 17th in 18.72 seconds and Avery King was 20th in 19.15.

Kayleigh Walker was the top Wildcat in the 100-meter dash, placing 15th in 13.82 seconds, and Lily McLaughlin ended up 20th in 14.19.

In the 400-meter run, Isabel Carriere was eighth overall in 1:03.6 and Celina Vo was 20th in 1:07.28.

The 800-meter run for Wilmington was led by Leah Doucette finish 24th in 2:44.66 and Bella Zaya was 25th in 2:48.61.

Angelina Vo was the top Wildcat in the 200-meter dash, placing 15th in 29.23 seconds and Caroline Broussard was 18th in 29.54.

Charlotte Kiley led the Wildcats in the two mile, placing seventh in 11:47.15 and qualifying for the state meet, and Katelyn LaPointe was 27th in the race in 13:46.3.

WHS had two top-20 performers in the triple jump.

Abby Joyce was 14th with a distance of 31 feet, 7 inches and White was 20th with a leap of 29-8.

In the long jump, Wilmington was led by Sam Glaser's 16th-place performance with a distance of 14 feet, 8.5 inches and Annette Fitzgibbons was 20th, leaping 13-11.

In the javelin, the Wildcats had two finishers in the top 12.

Abby Howie was 11th with a distance of 75 feet, 2 inches and Julia Heller took 12th, throwing 73-6.

In the other throwing events, Howie was ninth in the shot put with a distance of 30 feet, 4 inches and Maddie Krueger placed 10th , throwing 30-2.75.

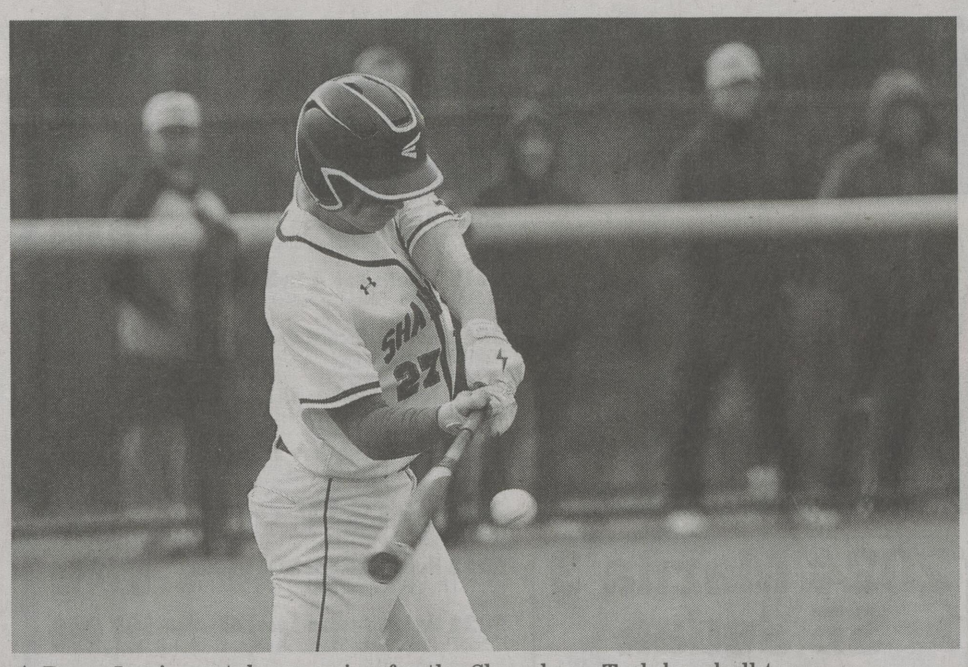
Krueger was 11th in the discus with a heave of 81 feet, 10 inches and Heller was 26th with a distance of 50-1.

In the high jump, Giselle Olatilu was eighth, clearing 4 feet, 8 inches, and Mulik was ninth, also clearing 4-8.

In the 4 x 800 relay team of Doucette, Josie O'Mahony, Bella Zaya and Kiley finished eighth in a time of 11:06.23, which was a season's best, and the 4 x 100 relay team of Kayleigh Walker, Lily McLaughlin, Avery King and Caroline Broussard finished eighth in a time of 53.77.

The 4 x 400 relay team of Isabel Carriere, Celina Vo, Maeve White and Abby Joyce finished 10th in a time of 4:37.63.

The Wildcats will next be competing at the Division 4 State Track Meet at Merrimack College on May 30 and June 1.



▲ Ryan Jamieson takes a swing for the Shawsheen Tech baseball team.
(Robert DeChiara photo)

Shawsheen baseball completes the journey

Rams top AC and Arlington to finish regular season with 20-0 record

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The Shawsheen Tech baseball team completed a perfect season last Wednesday with a 11-0 win over Arlington.

The Rams ended the year with a 20-0 record with the state vocational tournament and the MIAA tournament coming up.

It's the first undefeated regular season in Shawsheen's program history.

Shawsheen winning pitcher was junior righty Jake Carr.

Carr tossed a complete game shutout win over six innings. He only allowed three hits and struck out three to earn the win.

Shawsheen struck first with a run in the bottom of the first inning when Nate Galanis drilled a sacrifice fly to right to score Dyllon Pratt.

The Rams were able to open it up with a seven-run third inning.

Lukas Poirier was hit by a pitch to start the inning and Nate Galanis walked before an RBI single by Ryan Jamieson.

After Will Holloway walked to load the bases and Galanis scored on a wild pitch to make it 3-0.

Carr walked to reload the bases before another wild pitch scored Jamieson and Adam Caruso walked to load the bases again.

With the Rams up 4-0, Dyllon Pratt ripped a three-run triple and then scored himself on a wild pitch for an 8-0 lead.

In the fifth, singles by Caruso and Pratt set up a run-scoring base hit by Galanis to make it 9-0.

In the sixth, Shawsheen ended the game by the mercy rule when Eli Jimenez and Gavin Poirier drew back-to-back walks and Caruso cracked a two-run triple to end the game.

Pratt had two hits and three RBIs while Caruso and Galanis each added two RBIs.

A day earlier, Shawsheen topped Arlington Catholic, 2-0, in one of the closest games of the season.

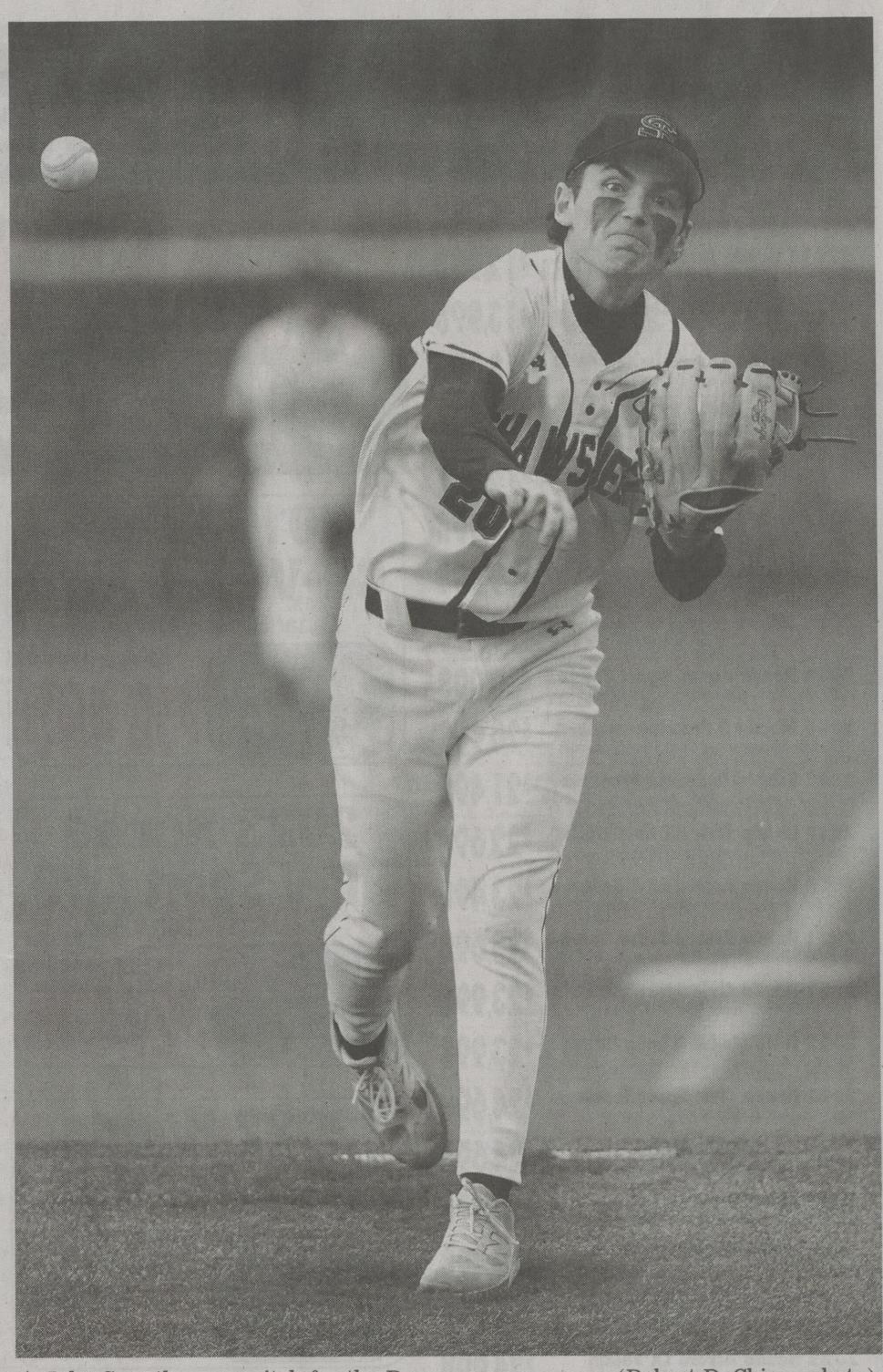
Junior Will Trach pitched 6.2 innings for Shawsheen and only allowed one hit all day and struck out five to earn the win.

The Rams scored once in both the first and fourth innings to lead the Rams to victory.

Pratt led off the game with a triple and scored on a grounder by Lukas Poirier.

In the fourth, Poirier led off with a single and scored when Holloway singled.

In the third, AC nearly scored after a leadoff triple before Trach escaped the inning with two strikeouts and a ground ball.



▲ Jake Carr throws a pitch for the Rams. (Robert DeChiara photo)

GIRLS LACROSSE FINISHES 13-5

The Shawsheen Tech girls lacrosse team ended the regular season with two wins over their final three games, ending the year with a 13-5 record.

The Rams beat Northeast Regional by a 15-2 score, defeated Nashoba Tech by an 11-4 final and then lost to Tewksbury High, 9-6.

The Rams solidified the Commonwealth Athletic Conference title by beating Nashoba.

Izzy Ferguson, Cera Salter and Judith Sloman all had three goals and Fiona Rexford had two goals.

Shawsheen opened play in the state vocational tournament on Tuesday with a home game against Nashoba Tech.

Later in the week, the Rams will also start play in the MIAA tournament.

BOYS LACROSSE WINS LEAGUE, FINISHES 17-1

The Shawsheen Tech boys lacrosse team opened play in the state vocational tournament on Tuesday at home against Monty Tech. The Rams are also preparing for the MIAA state tournament later this week.

Shawsheen ended the regular season with a 17-7 win against Triton Regional, a 19-11 win over Haverhill, a 15-13 non-league triumph over Sharon and 16-1 thumping of Whittier Tech.

Against Triton, Bray Carbone and Quinn Carbone led the Rams with six points apiece.

Bray had four goals and two assists and Quinn totaled two goals and four assists.

Jacoby Patterson added three goals and two assists, Josh Baker had two goals and two assists and Jack Martins chipped in with three goals and one assist.

Also contributing goals for the Rams was Tristan Lane, Niko Georgoulis and Shane O'Neil also added tallies.

Nate Malandain was the winning goalie for the Rams.

Against Haverhill, Patterson had five goals and an assist while Baker, Bray Carbone and Zack Timmons each have five points with four goals and one assist apiece.

Martins (2 goals, 1 assist) and Quinn Carbone (3 assists) also had solid games.

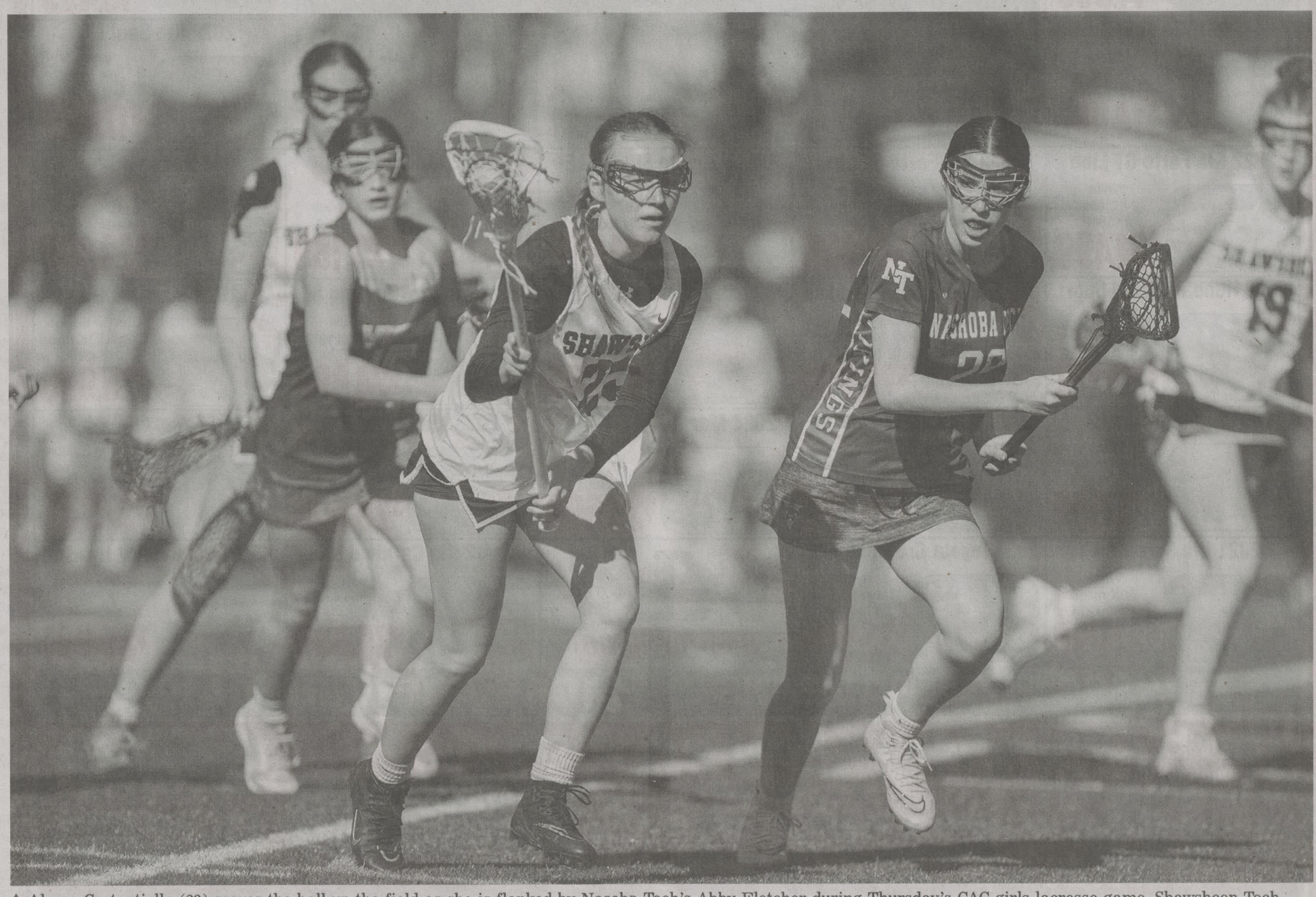
Malandain made seven saves in the victory.

In the Sharon victory, Bray Carbone (5 goals, 2 assists) and Patterson (5 goals, 1 assist) led the offense.

Quinn Carbone added two goals and two assists and other scorers included Martins, Baker and Georgoulis.

Malandain had 13 saves in net, earning the victory.

▲ Fiona Rexford of Nashoba Tech (11) shoots and scores during Thursday's CAC girls lacrosse game. Shawsheen Tech rolled to a 12-3 victory at home.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)



▲ Alyssa Costantiello (23) moves the ball up the field as she is flanked by Nasoba Tech's Abby Fletcher during Thursday's CAC girls lacrosse game. Shawsheen Tech rolled to a 12-3 victory at home.
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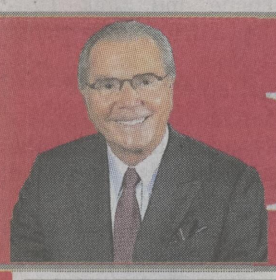

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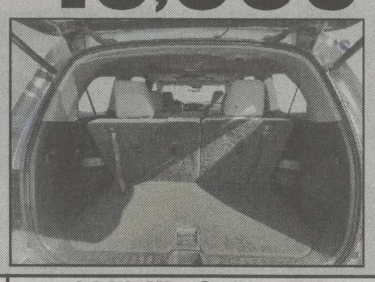

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June 21, Mini town clean up. Help clean up Shawsheen Street near Vale Street. 9 - 10 a.m. *clean.up.tewksbury@gmail.com*

June 27, Free High school public health immersion program at Public Health Museum — FREE — 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Register *publichealthmuseum.org*

September 13, Wilmington High School Class of 1975 50th reunion, live band, dancing, buffet dinner, cash bar. Pay by April 2 - July 1 — $90, July 2 through last minute walk-ins — $95. Register and pay at: *https://my.cheddarup.com/c/high-school-class-reunion-temp-65333/items?cart* Questions? Steve Brander *skbrander@gmail.com* Reunion Organizers: Steve Brander / Vin Scifo / Helen Ryba

Thursdays, Saturdays, and the first Sunday of the month, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for indoor and campus tours. Check website for times. *Publichealthmuseum.org*

Book Store Next Door, **Saturdays**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m, Adults $3, seniors and youth age 3-12 $2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, **Mondays and Tuesdays**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, **Saturdays and Sundays**, noon - 4 p.m., 71 Faulkner St., North Billerica

Students named to Dean's List at Regis College

WESTON — Regis announces those students who met academic requirements to be named to the university's spring 2025 Dean's List, in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Regis students must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher; first-year students must have a GPA of 3.25 or higher.

"The Dean's List recognizes students who demonstrated dedication to their degree program in the spring semester," said Dr. Mary Erina Driscoll, PhD, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. "Throughout a student's academic journey, the Regis curriculum challenges students to ask insightful questions in their pursuit of the truth. The university community congratulates those students named to the Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester."

Founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph nearly a century ago, Regis challenges, inspires, and supports students who are driven by passion, purpose, and a pursuit to positively impact the world within a learning community that embraces inclusivity and innovation and builds strong character, confidence, and careers.

Regis congratulates the following students named to the spring 2025 Dean's List:

- **Paige Fuller of Wilmington**
- **Ericka L'Esperance of Wilmington**
- **Amanda Mercier of Wilmington**
- **Tamar Pierre Louis of Wilmington**
- **Madelynne Sainato of Wilmington**
- **Alyssa Schuurman of Wilmington**
- **Blake Hiltz of Tewksbury**

Regis College is a coed university 12 miles west of Boston in Weston, Mass. founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston nearly a century ago. With over 2,700 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students enrolled on campus and in fully online graduate programs, Regis provides an academically rigorous education within the schools of nursing, arts and sciences, business and communication, and health sciences.

In line with Regis' mission of providing innovative, industry-focused learning opportunities, the university offers academic partnerships with hospitals and local employers, a clinical dental center in Waltham, Mass., and bachelor's completion and accelerated nursing programs at its campus in Lawrence.

The university's 18 NCAA Division III athletic teams compete within the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC). Regis challenges, inspires, and supports students who are driven by passion, purpose, and a pursuit to positively impact the world within a learning community that embraces inclusivity and innovation and builds strong character, confidence, and careers.

Visit *regiscollege.edu* to learn more.

In Loving Memory of

Paula E. Post

May 31, 1943 - September 6, 2008

My wife and mother of my children. If you knew her, you were fortunate enough to know the most beautiful and loving person ever born. She was a wife, a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter, sister and a friend. I will always love her.

Richard A. Post

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS**

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 9 on **Wednesday, June 11th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following applications:

**CASE #5-25
41 MORSE AVE
MAP 48 PARCEL 18**

APPLICANT: CENTRAL HOME INVESTMENT LLC
SPECIAL PERMIT TO EXTEND A ALREADY NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO 6.1.6.4 ALSO UNDER GROUND WATER PROTECTION DISTRICT PURSUANT TO 6.6.7.7

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

A NON-EXCLUSIVE LEASE OF THE USE OF SPACE AT NASSAU AVENUE WATER STORAGE TANK FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM PURPOSES

The Town of Wilmington, Massachusetts, acting through its Town Manager and Water & Sewer Commission (the "Town"), is accepting sealed proposals by interested parties for the leasing of a site at a Town-owned water storage tank located at the Nassau Avenue Water Storage Tank, Eagle Road in Wilmington, MA 01887 for the purpose of installing wireless communications facilities and related apparatus. This Request for Proposals ("RFP") is made pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.), Chapter 30B, Section 16 pertaining to lease of real property.

The complete RFP may be obtained on May 29, 2025, electronically by visiting the Town of Wilmington website https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department until the scheduled submission date.

Sealed proposals clearly labeled "A Non-Exclusive Lease of the Use of Space at Nassau Avenue Water Storage Tank for Telecommunications System Purposes" will be received in the office of the Town Manager, R. Eric Slagle, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA until 10:00 A.M. on June 12, 2025.

Late responses will not be accepted. The Town shall not be responsible for proposals arriving late due to couriers, deliveries to wrong locations, express mailing services etc. or any reason whatsoever. Postmarks will not be considered. Proposals submitted via email or fax will not be considered.

The Town of Wilmington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age or disability in employment for the provision of services. The Town reserves the right to reject any responses or any part thereof in response to this RFP or take any other action as the Town may deem to be in its best interest.

R. Eric Slagle,
Town Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS**

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for **ASPHALT ROAD REPAIRS, Contract PW-25-13**, will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, until 10:00 AM, on June 12, 2025 at that time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Work under this contract shall consist of asphalt road repairs for the purpose of select road repairs on various Town roads owned by the Town.

Contract Documents are available after 1:00 PM local time on Thursday, May 27, 2025 by sending an e-mail request to Assistant Director, David Lizotte at dlizotte@tewksbury-ma.gov No monetary deposit is required to obtain electronic documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW office during the following hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Town of Tewksbury

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LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT**

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI25P2259EA

**Estate of: Kathleen P. Dupuis
Date of Death:
January 23, 2025**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Thomas J. Dupuis, Jr. of Tewksbury MA**

Thomas J. Dupuis, Jr. of Tewksbury MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve Without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD**

PUBLIC HEARING

**SPECIAL PERMIT
SITE PLAN REVIEW,
LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **June 16, 2025 at 7:10 PM** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Asphalt Services, Inc. on behalf of 911 East LLC** for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 and Special Permit under Section 3.5 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, as well as a Land Disturbance Permit pursuant to Chapter 19 of the General Bylaw to construct a 7,630 SF steel garage to operate a contractor's yard and office space for an asphalt company as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 913 East Street, Assessor's Map 102, Lot 52, zoned Industrial I.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD**

PUBLIC HEARING

**FAMILY SUITE
SPECIAL PERMIT**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **June 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Michelle Maguire on behalf of Kaitlyn O'Brien for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct an addition to the single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 130 Rounsevell Road, Assessor's Map 109, Lot 39, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD**

PUBLIC HEARING

**FAMILY SUITE
SPECIAL PERMIT**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **June 16, 2025 at 7:05 PM** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Elaine Krauss for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct an addition to the single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 85 Lowe Street, Assessor's Map 100, Lot 27, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT**

**Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI25P2692EA

**Estate of:
Joseph J. Fanciullo, Jr.
Also known as:
Joseph John Fanciullo, Jr.
Date of Death: 04/27/2025**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Andrea M. Hellebuyck of Orchard Lake MI** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Andrea M. Hellebuyck of Orchard Lake MI** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/13/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 16, 2025

Tara E, DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT**

**Suffolk Probate
and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

Docket No. SU25P0570PM

**In the matter of: Althea Smith
Of: Tewksbury, MA**
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Joseph K. Delvalle of Stoneham, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Althea Smith** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Joseph K. Del Valle of Stoneham, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **06/18/2025.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 22, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT**

**Suffolk Probate
and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA 02114**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

Docket No. SU24P1033PM

**In the matter of:
Vincent Curto
Of: East Boston, MA**
Protected Person/
Disabled Person/Respondent

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **First and Final Temporary Conservators** account(s) of Susan Hubbard Esq. of Topsfield, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M., on the return date of **07/01/2025.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon.Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 21, 2025

Stephanie Everett,
Register of Probate

250577 5/29/25

The alleys of San Francisco's Chinatown are a unique bridge between the city's history and its modern-day residents. (Rosalyn Impink photo)

Lifestyle:

Get local in San Francisco's Chinatown

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

Travel is all about leaving your comfort zone — exploring a new place, meeting people and seeing how a different part of the world lives. Experiencing historical sites, architectural marvels and natural beauties are a core part of why we travel, but once you've explored the top tourist sites, there's a world beyond the beaten path just waiting to be discovered — don't miss out on the opportunity to take the road less traveled and live like a local.

San Francisco is a great example of a city with so many hidden gems. Once you've traversed the Golden Gate Bridge, twisted your way down Lombard Street, hit In-and-Out Burger and visited the Pier 39 sea lions, take a step beyond the tourist trail and explore the hidden neighborhoods that make the city unique.

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month — what better way to celebrate than exploring one of the most established immigrant neighborhoods in the country?

San Francisco was one of the first places that Asian immigrants settled in the United States; Chinese workers came to America in the 1840s and 1850s to mine the Western states during the Gold Rush, and later became instrumental in the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad.

San Francisco is home to the oldest Chinatown in the country; despite earthquakes and fires, the neighborhood has been rebuilt again and again.

Chinatown is wonderfully colorful and chaotic, with English words and Cantonese characters intermingled on signs everywhere. The hilly streets are lined with shops spilling over with fruits and vegetables that can't be found at Market Basket — lotus root, taro, bitter melon. Colorful lanterns criss-cross the roadways, and the Chinatown gate is resplendent with dragons.

You never know what you'll find just around the corner — or down the alley. Chinatown is famous for its alleys — once slipways for illegal activity, these historic alleys have been revitalized with historic interpretation, public art and local shops.

Head down Ross Alley to find the iconic Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory. The smell is incredible, and cookie folders assemble thousands of cookies a day — you can buy a bag of fresh cookies to snack on during your journey. Also of note is Waverly Place, known as the "Street of Painted Balconies" for its brightly painted fire escapes (literary fans will recognize the location from Amy Tan's "The Joy Luck Club").

You can't visit Chinatown and miss out on the wonderfully authentic food, so come hungry. Several tea shops in Chinatown host free tastings, where you can learn about the history and subtleties of various tea offerings. Dim sum is also popular, with small plates making up a hearty meal.

There's something for everyone, whether you enjoy traditional pork dishes, fresh seafood, or vegetarian fare. Round out your meal with a delicious egg tart and a bubble tea to enjoy while you stroll.

Just beyond Chinatown is North Beach, where Italian immigrants pushing in from the East made their home. The neighborhood is a popular spot for locals to enjoy some great pizza, gelato and espresso.

Be sure to hit City Lights bookstore, the first all-paperback bookstore in the country and an important publisher for Beat Generation authors, and enjoy two levels worth of classic and modern literary offerings.

Make your way up to Telegraph Hill to see the iconic art deco Coit Tower and its Depression-era Works Progress Administration murals, and get a stunning view over San Francisco Bay.

Get out, get local and push your boundaries — you never know what you'll discover while traveling.

Olin Chemical Superfund Site update

WILMINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency just provided a spring 2025 community update for the Olin Chemical Superfund Site in Wilmington.

In March, EPA and MassDEP approved Olin's work plans to collect the additional data necessary to design the soil and groundwater cleanup systems. These work plans are for the soil contamination on the 51 Eames St. property and the pools of Dense Aqueous Phase Liquid (DAPL) and groundwater hot spots.

Olin collected soil samples from March to May, with some additional sampling planned for later in the season when it is less rainy and the water table is lower.

Field work for the groundwater activities, including work to design the pilot groundwater treatment system, will begin this summer.

Under EPA oversight, Olin continues to collect information to address groundwater data gaps. This data will help refine and improve the effectiveness of future groundwater remediation.

Questions can be sent to:
**Lauren Draper
U.S. EPA Community Involvement Coordinator
617-918-1107**
draper.lauren@epa.gov

Committee discusses policy around use of school grounds

SCHOOL FROM PAGE 1

Ryan Gendron shared that staff are trained to contact the main office if they see someone they don't recognize. He explained that this would not ban visitors but create parameters around the school day, and that placing signage would prevent miscommunication.

Chair Jesse Fennelly asked who would enforce the policy, and Brand answered that they would use school resource officers. King added that the administrators and principals would also be enforcers.

Fennelly then commented that the safety of students and staff was top priority. Ragsdale also said that he reluctantly but firmly supported this.

Dr. Jenn Bryson stated her full support of the policy but asked that they post the hours online. She also asked about the use of the indoor track during weekend school-related events.

Gendron said there is an application process with specific hours stated for public use of the indoor track.

Brand suggested that they would use the committee's feedback to create a plan. He lastly reported that the next community forum for the MSBA project was scheduled for June 3 at 6 p.m.

Gendron next shared about progress on the high school's improvement plan over the past two years. He reminded the committee of their goals to build tiers 1-3 of multi-tiered systems of support, expand student access and choice through adjusting the schedule, and being one community.

He highlighted the creation of the MTSS map, proficiency over 70 percent in all three MCAS subjects and 84 percent of three or higher scores on AP tests, and an attendance rate of 95 percent. Their priorities for the next year were the expansion of MTSS and improving instruction and curriculum. Another area for improvement was noted in students' self-efficacy.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi wondered if students simply lacked self-confidence. Gendron also suggested that it could be that the question about self-efficacy is intangible.

Mercaldi then asked if there were concerns with students taking MCAS less seriously. Gendron said in response that he expected scores to remain consistent or increase, as students do take MCAS seriously, and he believed they want to show what they've learned.

Turner suggested they reach out to students and parents taking five extra days of absences to go on vacation to emphasize the importance of attending school. Gendron said that support staff was intervening.

Turner later proposed a reworking of their subcommittees where multiple are combined except the MSBA building committee and superintendent evaluation: legislative and sick bank, policy and handbook, equity and outreach, budget and WEF, and wellness and SEPAC. There would be seven subcommittees by this new organization, and each member would serve on only three. He also proposed that each member be paired with a school for each year.

The other committee members generally liked the proposal but suggested they may not need all of these subcommittees, and the school pairing idea would be a separate conversation.

They voted for Fennelly to return as the chair again this year, with Bryson as vice chair and Turner as secretary.

Committee continues cell phone policy debate

PHONE FROM PAGE 1

scribed that the group had seven sessions, two of which were added on later because they had so much information to review after they received survey results.

One of the group's key takeaways was the fact students responded that they were comfortable with the ability to keep their cell phones with them throughout the school day but only use it at lunch or between classes. Students also responded that they didn't feel their cell phones were distracting, which Dunham said alarmed them.

70 percent of parents and caregivers responded in the survey to say that they don't contact their students during the day. However, 80 percent of parents and caregivers at the secondary level said their students do bring their cell phones to school, and 46 percent indicated that they weren't concerned with student cell phone use during the school day.

They also saw that 41 percent of caregivers wanted to be able to contact their student at school in case of an emergency.

Staff respondents said in the survey that cell phones were a significant distraction during lesson time and instruction, and 54 percent of staff even said cell phone use outside the classroom was a distraction. They saw staff prefer that a policy be put in place not allowing cell phone use for the entirety of the school day.

They noted from these results a desire to protect staff from constantly policing cell phone use and the necessity to educate and develop norms for students. The group's recommendation to the committee was not to allow cell phone use during the school day to support student engagement in social interaction and academics.

Nicholas Golden thanked the parents and staff who contributed as part of the working group. He shared that he was glad to see the recommendation be a "bell to bell" policy — meaning cell phone use would not be permitted by students from the start to the end of the school day.

Some of the reasons he supported this policy were the speed at which bullying and gossip can take place and the addictiveness of phones to growing brains. He said that he found this policy incredibly helpful in his own experience.

Nursing Director Becky Brown added that the attorney general's report highlighted the negative effects of cell phones on the youth mental health.

David Ragsdale commented that there is movement in all areas toward this type of restriction, evidenced from other states and the attorney general's report. He agreed that this was the right direction. However, he said that he wouldn't want to see this policy implemented this next school year considering the details that would have to be ironed out such as emergency procedure and establishing norms for the community.

Dr. Jenn Bryson asked who would help in rolling out this policy. Brand agreed that there should be an entity leading the implementation but didn't have one identified yet.

Bryson also shared concerns about the enforcement of the policy and feedback from administrators.

Stephen Turner noted that they needed to get parents more involved in crafting the procedure or policy according to maturity level of students so that parents would work with it instead of trying to work around it.

Brown agreed that they'd need to inform parents of plans in the event of an emergency, as their current plan does not include students being contacted by parents via cell phone.

Turner also mentioned that they needed to educate parents on what is most helpful for them to do in case of an emergency instead of potentially disrupting the situation further.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi highlighted that 15 percent of students saying cell phones were used for cyberbullying was too high. He suggested they pursue a holistic, bottoms-up approach for the policy and bring in administrators to create a new policy based on examples.

Dunham also said that she wanted to review the bullying curriculum at the secondary level.

Ragsdale described one option they could select where students place their phones in a magnetic bag all day, and referenced that schools with this policy in place had seen up to 50 percent reduction in bathroom trips after implementation.

Multiple members commented that they didn't want teachers to police the use of cell phones. They also agreed not to implement until the following school year rather than next year.

Brand established that the committee would continue to discuss the path forward at another time.

Two more firms to come

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Ragsdale then wondered about the process if they have internal candidates. Koocher suggested that they could quickly vet their internal candidates and emphasize the importance of confidentiality. Mallon answered that it may deter some candidates who don't feel they are as strong from applying.

Mallon and Koocher assured the committee that the committee members would be leading the process, not the MASC. They also stated that they could begin over the summer gathering information for the fall.

Bryson added that the School Committee would hear from two more firms before deciding upon one to move forward at their next meeting.

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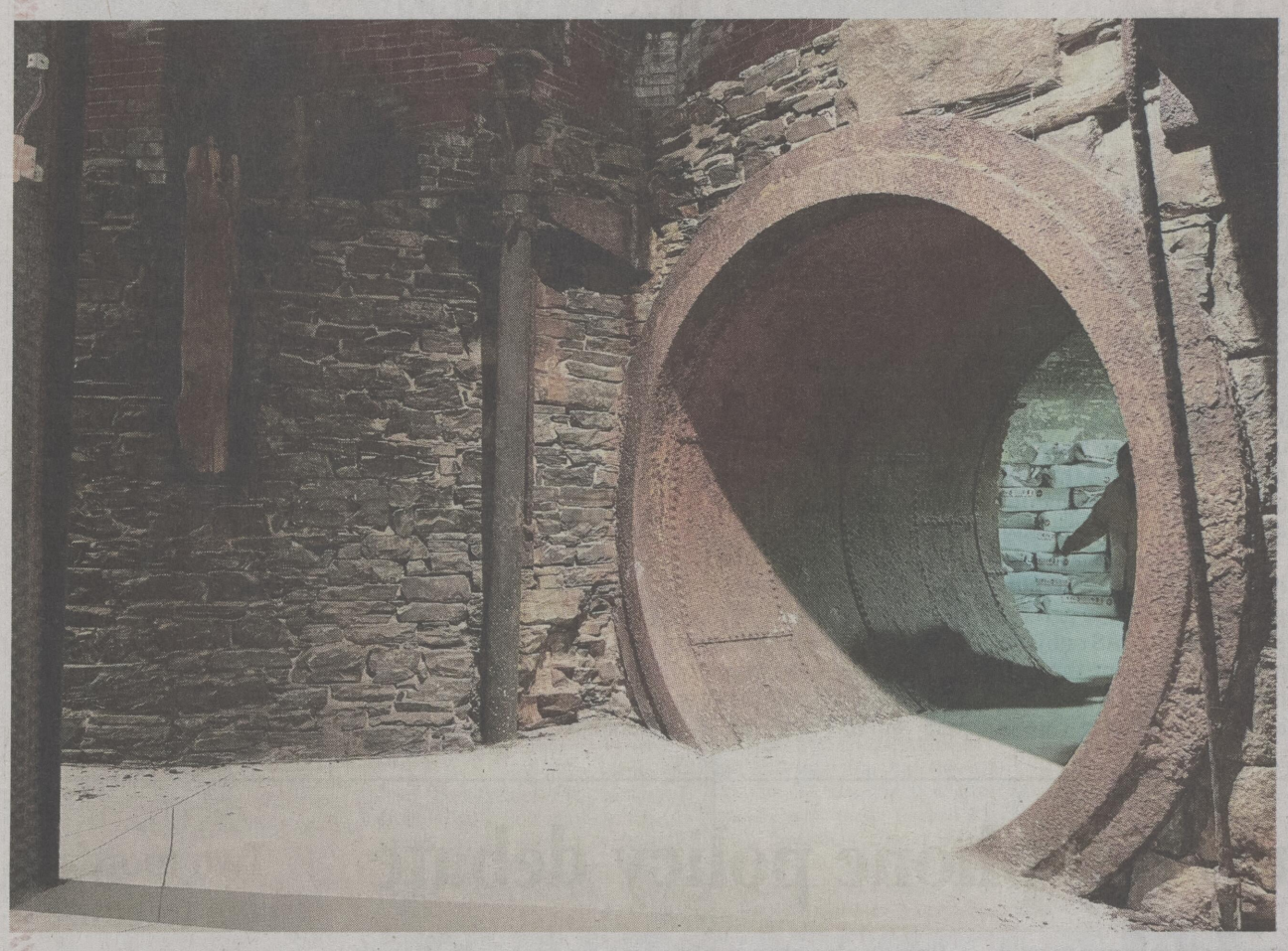

◀ The Tremont Yard is located beneath Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union. Formerly housing underground turbines, the space is a dramatic look into the 1855 experiments in waterpower.

▼ The restored turbines of the Suffolk Mill show visitors how the textile factories of Lowell used water to drive the engine of prosperity.

(Paige Impink photo)

Discover hidden history in Lowell

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

LOWELL — Through the annual Doors Open Lowell program, echoes of the Mill City's past are made available for the public once a year during this celebration of architecture and urban culture. Now in its 20th year, the program is the first of its kind in the country offering behind the scenes access to such locations as the National Streetcar Museum, the subterranean Tremont Yard waterworks and the Boston & Maine Railroad Depot.

Happening each May during National Preservation Month, the event is free and open to the public. In addition to providing a glimpse into architectural marvels among us, the program also offers such treats as an organ concert by Jeffrey Smith on the fully restored 1906 Jesse Woodberry pipe organ at St. Patrick's Church.

The instrument is believed to be the largest operable pipe organ in the city. The church also has a collection of 11 bells in its steeple, known as a chime, one of only two in Lowell.

Lowell's history as the first planned industrial city is linked to the early harnessing of the Merrimack River. Several vestiges of the massive waterworks that powered the mills are still able to be experienced, including a restored turbine at the Suffolk Mill, operating thanks to a 13-foot drop in water (and some very dedicated machinists).

As part of the Doors Open program, the basement of the Tremont Yard, now home to Jeanne D'Arc credit union, allows the public to see the massive voids left by the subterranean turbines that were part of engineer James Francis's water power experiments in 1855. Francis is credited with designing the hydroelectric turbine and water features that helped power Lowell — and the country's — industrial revolution.

These designs are still the most widely used in the hydroelectric industry today.

Other architectural features available during the daylong event include the High Victorian Gothic style train depot of the Boston & Maine Railroad, now rehabbed by Middlesex Community College into an arts center and theater, and the Gates Block on Market Street, the original location of the manufacturer of Moxie soda, along with Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church and its Byzantine gold mosaics and icons.

In total, 18 locations were opened to the public this year.

As part of the event, the National Park Service provides a guided walking tour along the Merrimack River starting at the Boott Cotton Mills. Understanding the history of the river and how the construction of the Northern Canal helped turn the river into an engine of prosperity for Lowell helps visitors get a glimpse into early engineering, the criticality of water flow, and the significance of the Pawtucket Falls.

Today, the river's flow is controlled for the hydroelectric generation of power. The Boott station is considered one of the most historically significant hydropower sites in the country. Several gatehouses are on the tour, each with their own role in controlling the flow of water through Lowell's extensive canal system.

Keep an eye out for next year's event and plan to spend the day exploring the history, culture, and preservation of the Mill City and the historic river that flows through the Merrimack Valley.

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